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**PERMANENT RULES**  
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Purpose: These rules include modifications to the following credentials: Deaf education endorsement; career and technical education American sign language interpreter specialty area; orientation and mobility educational staff associate certificate/specialty endorsement; teacher of the visually impaired; classified provider of Braille instruction; certificated provider of Braille instruction.

These changes reflect recommendations from stakeholder workgroups.

The proposed changes increase access by adding options for obtaining or renewing credentials, or by reducing barriers.

The workgroups looked at related roles as a whole to ensure a coherent system. Previously, each role had been considered separately, in separate years.

The recommendations clarify and streamline the system, while maintaining high standards.

Educators who currently hold these credentials will not find changes in what they need to do to renew other than that additional options may be available.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 181-77-050; and amending WAC 181-77-041, 181-79A-140, 181-79A-145, 181-79A-223, 181-79A-224, 181-79A-231, 181-79A-257, 181-82-110, 181-82-130, 181-82A-202, 181-82A-204, and 181-82A-208.

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**OTS-2829.3**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-112, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19)

**WAC 181-77-041 Requirements for candidates seeking career and technical education certification on the basis of business and industry work experience.** Candidates seeking career and technical education certification on the basis of business and industry work experience shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2) and 181-79A-155 (1) and (2).

(1) **Initial.**

(a) Candidates for the initial certificate shall provide documentation of occupational experience in the specialty area for which certification is sought. ~~((Individuals seeking the initial certification for the sole purpose of instruction of American sign language who are deaf, hard of hearing per RCW 43.20A.720, or whose primary method of communication is American sign language, may have the requirements for interpreter experience waived by the certification office of the superintendent of public instruction.))~~

(i) Six thousand hours is required.

(ii) Two thousand hours must be within the past ten years. Candidates may use up to four thousand hours of teaching experience in the specialty area they are experienced in and the remaining two thousand hours must be from nonteaching occupational experience. For STEM, candidate may use all six thousand hours of teaching experience in science, technology, engineering and/or math in lieu of occupational experience. For biomedical and biotechnology, candidates may use all six thousand hours of teaching experience in biology in lieu of occupational experience.

(iii) If all or part of the two thousand hours is more than ten years old, an additional three hundred hours of recent (occurring in the last two years) occupational experience is required.

~~((iv) Individuals seeking this certification solely for teaching American sign language must also hold or earn the national interpreter certification, certified deaf interpreter certificate, the American sign language teachers association certificate, the American sign language performance interview, or meet the standard required of interpreters for the deaf per RCW 28A.410.271.))~~

(b) Candidates for the initial certificate shall complete a professional educator standards board approved program under WAC 181-77A-029.

(c) In addition, candidates for initial certification in career choices or coordinator of worksite learning shall demonstrate competency in knowledge and skills described in WAC 181-77A-180.

(2) Initial renewal. Candidates for renewal of the initial certificate must complete ten quarter hours of credit or one hundred continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training in the subject matter certified to teach since the initial certificate was issued or renewed, or four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

Application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current certificate.

Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the renewal application, or by completing four pro-

professional growth plans. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

An expired certificate may be renewed by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hours or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(3) **Continuing.**

(a) Candidates for the continuing certificate shall have in addition to the requirements for the initial certificate at least one of the following:

(i) Fifteen quarter hours or one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training in the career and technical education subject matter to be certified completed subsequent to the issuance of the initial certificate; or

(ii) Hold a valid national board certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in any certificate area.

(b) Candidates for the continuing certificate shall provide as a condition for the issuance of a continuing certificate documentation of two years full-time equivalency (FTE) of teaching/coordination in the career and technical education subject matter certified to teach with an authorized employer (i.e., school district(s) or skills center(s)).

(4) **Continuing certificate renewal.**

(a) Candidates for renewal of the continuing certificate shall complete since the previous continuing certificate was issued:

(i) Ten quarter hours or one hundred continuing education credit hours of career and technical education educator training, or four professional growth plans as defined in WAC 181-79A-030. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Application for renewals shall not be submitted earlier than twelve months prior to the expiration date of the current certificate.

(iii) Expired certificates may be renewed with completion of one hundred continuing education credit hours within the previous five years from the date of the renewal application, or by completing four professional growth plans. Individuals completing fewer than four annual professional growth plans must complete the necessary continuing education credit hours needed to be the equivalent of one hundred continuing education credit hours.

(iv) An expired certificate may be renewed by presenting evidence to the superintendent of public instruction of completing the continuing education credit hours or professional growth plan requirement within the five years prior to the date of the renewal application.

(b) Continuing education or professional growth plans for teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in STEM-related subjects must include a specific focus on the integration of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering instruction as per RCW 28A.410.2212. This renewal requirement applies to career and technical education endorsement areas. This STEM continuing education requirement for certificate renewal is as described in WAC 181-85-075(6).

~~((c) Beginning January 2018, renewal of continuing certificates under this section specifically for teaching American sign language will require the national interpreter certification, certified deaf~~

~~interpreter certificate, the American sign language teachers association certificate, or meet the standard required of interpreters of the deaf per RCW 28A.410.271.)~~)

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-112, § 181-77-041, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-070, § 181-77-041, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18; WSR 18-08-007, § 181-77-041, filed 3/22/18, effective 4/22/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-23-064, § 181-77-041, filed 11/14/16, effective 12/15/16; WSR 16-15-057, § 181-77-041, filed 7/18/16, effective 8/18/16; WSR 16-07-096, § 181-77-041, filed 3/18/16, effective 4/18/16; WSR 15-12-023, § 181-77-041, filed 5/26/15, effective 6/26/15; WSR 08-16-004, § 181-77-041, filed 7/23/08, effective 8/23/08; WSR 07-12-001, § 181-77-041, filed 5/23/07, effective 6/23/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-77-041, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-77-041, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-039, § 180-77-041, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-77-041, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010. WSR 00-18-064, § 180-77-041, filed 9/1/00, effective 10/2/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 98-01-026, § 180-77-041, filed 12/8/97, effective 1/8/98; WSR 97-04-085, § 180-77-041, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; WSR 95-12-056, § 180-77-041, filed 6/2/95, effective 7/3/95.]

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 181-77-050 Requirements for candidates seeking certification in the area of American sign language (ASL) interpreter.** (1) Candidates seeking certification in the area of American sign language (ASL) interpreter who are deaf or hard of hearing under RCW 43.20A.720, or whose primary method of communication is American sign language, are considered to have met the occupational experience requirements for the American sign language (ASL) interpreter area under WAC 181-77-003(7).

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements for CTE certification under WAC 181-77-031 or 181-77-041, candidates seeking certification in the area of American sign language (ASL) interpreter shall meet the ASL related assessment requirements as published by the professional educator standards board.

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#### **OTS-2827.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-110, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19)

**WAC 181-79A-140 Types of certificates.** The following types of certificates shall be issued:

(1) **Teacher.** The teacher certificate authorizes service as a classroom teacher.

(2) **Career and technical education.** The career and technical education certificate authorizes service in career and technical education programs in accordance with chapter 181-77 WAC.

(3) **First people's language/culture.** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certificate authorizes service in accordance with WAC 181-78A-700.

(4) **Administrator.**

(a) The administrator certificate for principal authorizes services as a building administrator or assistant principal.

(b) The administrator certificates for superintendent or program administrator will be issued to persons who meet professional educator standards board certification standards for service in the roles of superintendent or program administrator.

(5) **Educational staff associate.** The educational staff associate certificate authorizes service in the roles of school speech pathologists or audiologists, school counselors, school nurses, school occupational therapists, school physical therapists, school psychologists, school social workers, ~~((and))~~ school behavior analysts, and school orientation and mobility specialists. Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes professional practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(6) **Limited certificates.** The following limited certificates are issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-231:

(a) Conditional certificate.

(b) Emergency substitute certificate.

(c) Intern substitute teacher certificate.

(d) Transitional certificate.

(7) **Substitute certificate.** The substitute certificate is issued to individuals in accordance with WAC 181-79A-232.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-140, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-140, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-025, § 181-79A-140, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 08-08-028, § 181-79A-140, filed 3/24/08, effective 4/24/08; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-140, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-140, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-140, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-092, § 180-79A-140, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-140, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02; WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-018, § 180-79A-140, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-140, filed 6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-140, filed 11/9/99, effective

12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-140, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 97-04-088, § 180-79A-140, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-110, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19)

**WAC 181-79A-145 Levels and validity of certificates.** Two levels of certification may be issued.

(1) **Initial and continuing certificates:** Teachers with program completion dates through August 31, 2000, administrators with program completion dates through August 31, 2004, and educational staff associates with program completion dates through August 31, 2005, will be issued the following levels of certificates. Initial and continuing teachers' certificates after August 31, 2000, initial and continuing principal and program administrator certificates after August 31, 2004, and initial and continuing school counselor and school psychologist certificates after August 31, 2005, will be issued only to previous Washington certificate holders, under WAC 181-79A-123.

(a) **Initial certificate.**

(i) ~~The ((initial teacher certificate is valid for four years; the))~~ initial administrator certificates are valid for seven years; and the initial educational staff associate certificates are valid for five years. Initial teacher certificates shall be subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-250(1) and 181-79A-123. Initial administrator certificates shall not be subject to renewal. Beginning September 1, 2020, initial educational staff associate certificates in the roles of school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, ~~((and))~~ school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist are subject to renewal.

(ii) Initial administrator and educational staff associate certificate holders shall be issued a continuing certificate if they meet the requirements for such certificate. Initial principal and program administrator certificate holders, and initial school counselor and school psychologist certificate holders shall be issued a residency certificate if their initial certificate has expired or they do not meet the requirements for a continuing certificate.

(b) **Continuing certificate.** The continuing certificate is valid on a continuing basis as specified in WAC 181-79A-250(2).

(2) **Residency and professional certificates:** Teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates with program completion dates commencing with the dates indicated below will be issued the following levels of certificates:

(a) **Residency certificate.** The residency certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2000, to principal/program administrators beginning September 1, 2004, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists no later than September 1, 2005.

(b) ~~((Until September 1, 2017, the first issue of a residency certificate for principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates shall be valid until the holder has completed two consecutive years of successful service in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that~~

~~provides educational services for students. When the principal, program administrator, or educational staff associate completes two consecutive years of successful service in the role in the state with the same employer, their residency certificate will be reissued with a five-year expiration date; provided, that the second consecutive year of successful service in the role will be considered to be complete for purposes of reissuance if a contract for the third such year has been signed and returned to the employer. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must earn a professional certificate or meet residency renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-250.~~

~~(c) Beginning September 1, 2017,))~~ The first issue of a residency certificate for principals, program administrators, and educational staff associates shall be valid until the holder has completed two years of successful service in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students, at which time their residency certificate will be reissued with a five-year expiration date. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must meet residency renewal requirements or earn a second-tier certificate for the role under WAC 181-79A-250.

~~((d))~~ (c) A first issue residency teacher certificate remains undated until the teacher has two years of successful experience under WAC 181-79A-206, at which time the residency certificate is dated for five years as verified by the certification office of the office of superintendent of public instruction. Prior to the expiration date, the candidate must earn a professional certificate or meet residency renewal requirements under WAC 181-79A-251.

~~((e))~~ (d) **Professional certificate.** The professional certificate will be issued to teachers beginning September 1, 2001, to principals/program administrators beginning September 1, 2007, and to educational staff associate school counselors and school psychologists beginning September 1, 2007. The professional certificate is valid for five years and shall be subject to renewal under chapter 181-79A WAC. A professional teacher's certificate based on the possession of a valid teacher's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater. A professional educational staff associate certificate for school counselors based on the possession of a valid school counselor's certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards National Board Certification under WAC 181-79A-257 or 181-79A-206 shall be valid for five years or until the expiration of the National Board Certificate, whichever is greater.

**(3) First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificates:** The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate will be issued beginning in January 2007. The first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate is valid for five years and shall be subject to renewal under WAC 181-79A-252.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-145, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-145, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 12-02-027, § 181-79A-145, filed 12/28/11, effective 1/28/12; WSR 11-12-032, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/25/11, effective 6/25/11; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-145, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 08-03-100, §

181-79A-145, filed 1/20/08, effective 2/20/08; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-145, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 07-12-006, § 181-79A-145, filed 5/24/07, effective 6/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-145, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-145, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-23-042, § 180-79A-145, filed 11/9/05, effective 12/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 05-15-023, § 180-79A-145, filed 7/7/05, effective 8/7/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.401.010 [28A.410.010]. WSR 04-21-040, § 180-79A-145, filed 10/15/04, effective 11/15/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 and 28A.410.010. WSR 02-18-037, § 180-79A-145, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 01-09-004, § 180-79A-145, filed 4/5/01, effective 5/6/01; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-145, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-145, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-110, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19)

**WAC 181-79A-223 Academic and experience requirements for certification—School nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist, school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, ((and)) school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist.** Candidates for school nurse, school occupational therapist, school physical therapist and school speech-language pathologist or audiologist, school social worker, ((and)) school behavior analyst, and school orientation and mobility specialist certification shall apply directly to the professional certification office. Such candidates shall complete the following requirements, in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150, except state-approved educator preparation program.

(1) **Degree.** ~~((It shall not be necessary for any candidate who holds a master's or doctorate degree to obtain the specified))~~ Candidates who hold a master's degree or higher are not required to obtain a role-specific master's degree if the candidate provides satisfactory evidence to the superintendent of public instruction that ((he or she has)) they have completed all course work requirements relevant to the ((required)) role-specific master's degree ((and has satisfactorily completed a comprehensive examination required in such master's degree program. If any candidate has been awarded a master's degree without a comprehensive examination, the candidate, as a condition for certification, shall successfully complete the Praxis II exam in the appropriate role)).

(2) **Professional transitions to public schools.** Candidates for the initial certificate for the roles under this section must complete the professional transitions to public schools coursework under WAC 181-79A-224.

(3) **Experience.** Candidates for the continuing certificate for the roles under this section must complete two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, state tribal compact school, state authorized charter



school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.

(4) School nurse.

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a registered nurse (RN) in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

~~((iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.))~~

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school nurse and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to education, nursing, or other health sciences since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~(ii) ((The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.~~

~~(iii))~~ The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a registered nurse (RN) in Washington state.

~~((iv))~~ (iii) The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, as described in WAC 181-85-075.

~~((3))~~ (5) School occupational therapist.

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as an occupational therapist in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate ~~((+))~~ degree or higher ~~((+ degree))~~ from an American Occupational Therapy Association approved program in occupational therapy.

~~((iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.))~~

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school occupational therapist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to occupational therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~(ii) ((The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.~~

~~(iii))~~ The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as an occupational therapist in Washington state.

~~((4))~~ (6) School physical therapist.

(a) **Initial.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a valid department of health license as a physical therapist in Washington state.

(ii) The candidate shall hold a baccalaureate ~~((+))~~ degree or higher ~~((+ degree))~~ from an American Physical Therapy Association accredited program in physical therapy.

~~((iii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.))~~

(b) **Continuing.** ~~((i))~~ The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school physical therapist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to physical therapy, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~((ii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.~~

~~(5))~~ **(7) School speech-language pathologist or audiologist.**

(a) **Initial.** ~~((i))~~ The candidate shall have completed all course work (except special project or thesis) for a master's degree or higher from a college or university program accredited by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) ~~((with a major in speech pathology or audiology. Such program shall include satisfactory completion of a written comprehensive examination. If any candidate has not completed a written comprehensive examination)).~~ If the degree program requires a written comprehensive exam relevant to the role, the candidate must successfully complete it. If the degree program does not require a written comprehensive exam relevant to the role, the candidate may present verification from ASHA of a passing score on ~~((the National Teacher's Examination))~~ a national exam in speech pathology or audiology ~~((as a condition for certification.~~

~~(ii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224),~~ or a passing score on an exam approved by the professional educator standards board.

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall hold a master's degree ~~((in speech pathology or audiology))~~ or higher.

~~(ii) ((The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.~~

~~(iii))~~ The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a speech language pathologist or audiologist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to speech language pathology, audiology, other health sciences, or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~((6))~~ **(8) School social worker.**

(a) **Initial.** ~~((i))~~ The candidate shall hold a masters ~~((of))~~ degree or higher in social work or ~~((master of))~~ social welfare from an accredited institution of higher learning.

~~((ii) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.))~~

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a school social worker and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school social worker or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~(ii) ((The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.~~

~~(iii))~~ The candidate shall have completed suicide prevention training under RCW 28A.410.226, as described in WAC 181-85-075.

~~((7))~~ (9) Behavior analyst.(a) **Initial.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) Candidates must hold a master's degree or higher in any area.

(iii) Candidates must have achieved a passing score on the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) exam from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other assessment as approved by the professional educator standards board.

~~((iv) The candidate shall complete the professional transitions to public schools course work under WAC 181-79A-224.)~~

(b) **Continuing.**

(i) Candidates must hold a valid board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), or other national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as a behavior analyst and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to the role of the school behavior analyst or education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

~~((iii) The candidate shall have completed two years full-time equivalency (FTE) in the role in Washington with a school district, state-approved private school, or state agency that provides educational services for students.)~~

(10) Orientation and mobility specialist.(a) Initial.

(i) Candidates must hold a valid certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), valid national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB), or other valid national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) Candidates must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in any area.

(b) Continuing.

(i) Candidates must hold a valid certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), valid national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB), or other valid national certificate as approved by the professional educator standards board.

(ii) The candidate shall have completed the requirements for the initial certificate as an orientation and mobility specialist and have completed one hundred fifty continuing education credit hours related to the role or to education since the first issuance of the initial certificate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-223, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-19-086, § 181-79A-223, filed 9/18/18, effective 10/19/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-104, §

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12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-110, filed 7/22/19, effective  
8/22/19)

**WAC 181-79A-224 Professional transitions to public schools  
course work requirement.** (1) Professional transitions to public  
schools course work requirement. The candidate shall successfully com-  
plete a minimum of fifteen continuing education credit hours or one  
semester hour of course work approved by the professional educator  
standards board which will consist of the following outcomes. The can-  
didates will:

(a) Demonstrate an understanding of school and special education  
laws and policies (national, state, and local) and their application  
to decision-making processes in the educational setting;

(b) Understand and demonstrate knowledge of working within the  
culture of the schools, creating an environment that fosters safety,  
health, and learning for the students;

(c) Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate resources in the school  
setting;

(d) Demonstrate knowledge of collaboration with team members  
which may include parents, teachers, administrators, and others to  
support learning outcomes for all students;

(e) Demonstrate knowledge of how to support the outcomes for all  
students through strategies such as scientifically based practices,  
collaborative teaming, and ethical decision making;

(f) Use professional standards to inform professional growth  
planning;

(g) Demonstrate an understanding of the use of human, community,  
and technological resources.

(2) An individual who meets all other requirements of the certifi-  
cate but who has not completed the professional transitions to public  
schools requirement, shall be issued a temporary permit valid for one  
year under WAC 181-79A-128, unless prior to the expiration date the  
superintendent of public instruction determines the applicant is in-  
eligible to receive a valid certificate or endorsement which will al-  
low the individual to practice in the role. The candidate shall verify  
to OSPI the completion of the required course work prior to the expi-  
ration of the one year temporary permit.

(3) The professional educator standards board will review profes-  
sional transitions to public schools course work for approval and re-

approval/disapproval per the posted schedule. All providers of this course work must maintain current approval status to offer the course.

~~((4) Out-of-state candidates under WAC 181-79A-257 are considered to have met the requirement for the professional transitions to public schools course work provided they meet one or more of the following:~~

~~(a) Have completed a state-approved program as an educational staff associate in the role; or~~

~~(b) Hold or have held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and have practiced at the P-12 school level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years; or~~

~~(c) Hold an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and have practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.))~~

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-224, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-110, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19)

**WAC 181-79A-231 Limited certificates.** All applicants for limited certificates must meet the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements of WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2).

Nothing within chapter 181-79A WAC authorizes practice by an educational staff associate which is otherwise prohibited or restricted by any other law, including licensure statutes and rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate licensure board or agency.

(1) **Conditional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the conditional certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts in meeting the state's educational goals by giving them flexibility in hiring decisions based on shortages or the opportunity to secure the services of unusually talented individuals.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) Teacher roles. The conditional certificate may be issued to teachers in all endorsement areas. Specific minimum requirements defined in this section apply to the following:

- (A) Special education teachers;
- (B) Nonimmigrant exchange teachers;
- (C) Traffic safety education teachers.

(ii) Educational staff associate roles. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following education staff associate roles:

- (A) School counselor;
- (B) School nurse;
- (C) School psychologist;
- (D) School social worker;
- (E) School speech language pathologist or audiologist;
- (F) School behavior analyst;
- (G) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(iii) Administrator role. The conditional certificate may be issued in the following administrator role: Principal.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The individual has extensive experience, unusual distinction, or exceptional talent in the subject matter to be taught or in the certificate role; or

(B) No person with regular certification in the area is available; or

(C) The individual holds a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or

(D) The individual is enrolled in an educator preparation program specific to the certificate role for which they are applying; or

(E) The individual will serve as a nonimmigrant exchange teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(F) The individual will serve as a traffic safety education teacher and meets the specific minimum requirements defined in this section; or

(G) Circumstances warrant.

(ii) When requesting the conditional certificate, the district, the educational service district, or the approved private school will verify that all of the following criteria have been met:

(A) The district, educational service district, or approved private school has determined that the individual is competent for the assignment; and

(B) After specific inclusion on the agenda and a formal vote, the school board or educational service district board has authorized the conditional certificate; and

(C) The individual is being certificated for a specific assignment and responsibility in a specified activity/field; and

(D) The individual will be delegated primary responsibility for planning, conducting, and evaluating instructional activities; and

(E) The individual will not be serving in a paraeducator role; and

(F) The individual will be oriented and prepared for the assignment. In addition, prior to service, the individual will be apprised of any legal liability, the responsibilities of a professional educator, the lines of authority, and the duration of the assignment; and

(G) The individual will be assigned a mentor within twenty working days from the commencement of the assignment; and

(H) A written plan of support will be developed within twenty working days from the commencement of the assignment.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) Individuals must complete fifty continuing education credit hours after the issuance of the certificate, and prior to the reissuance of the certificate. Holders of conditional certificates in the role of nonimmigrant exchange teacher are not required to complete fifty continuing education credit hours.

(ii) Special education teacher. The applicant for a conditional teaching certificate in special education shall hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

The issuance of a conditional certificate to a special education teacher is contingent upon the individual being enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program resulting in a teacher certificate endorsed in special education.

An individual with full certification and endorsed in special education shall be assigned as a mentor to the special education teacher

serving on a conditional certificate for the duration of the conditional certificate.

(iii) Traffic safety education teacher. The applicant qualifies to instruct in the traffic safety program under WAC 392-153-021. Written plans of support and mentors are not required for holders of conditional certificates in the role of traffic safety education teacher.

(iv) Nonimmigrant exchange. A conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be issued to an individual admitted to the United States for the purpose of serving as an exchange teacher.

The individual must be eligible to serve as a teacher in the elementary or secondary schools in their country of nationality or last residence.

(v) School counselor. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for the role, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(vi) School nurse. The applicant possesses a state of Washington license for a registered nurse. Applicants who meet the requirements for the initial school nurse certificate will not be issued a conditional school nurse certificate.

(vii) School psychologist. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university, and be enrolled in a state-approved preparation program for school psychologists, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

In addition, the candidate shall have completed all course work for the required master's degree, and shall be participating in the required internship.

(viii) School social worker. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The applicant must be enrolled in a master's degree program in social work or social welfare.

(ix) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. The applicant has completed a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

(x) School behavior analyst. Applicants must meet one or more of the following:

(A) Hold a valid Washington state department of health license as an assistant behavior analyst. The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the department of health requirements for a supervisor of assistant behavior analysts; or

(B) Hold a valid board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB). The district, educational service district, or approved private school must provide a supervisor who meets the behavior analyst certification board (BACB) requirements for a supervisor of board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA); or

(C) Hold a bachelor's degree, and, must be enrolled in or have completed the course work requirements for the board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certificate from the behavior analyst certification board (BACB), as verified by the institution providing the behavior analysis course work.

(xi) School orientation and mobility specialist.

(A) Applicants must have completed all requirements for an approved national certificate with the exception of the internship and the assessment, as verified by the institution providing the course-work for the national certificate. The approved national certificates

are the certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP), and the national orientation and mobility certification (NOMC) from the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(B) The school employer must ensure the candidate has access to a mentor who meets the requirements for an intern supervisor set by the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals (ACVREP) or the national blindness professional certification board (NBPCB).

(xii) Principal. The applicant holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

The candidate for conditional certification as a principal shall be enrolled in a program resulting in the issuance of a residency principal certificate, in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

(e) **Validity.** The conditional certificate is valid for two years or less, and is only valid for the activity or role specified on the certificate.

The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less.

(f) **Reissuance.**

(i) The conditional certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, provided all conditions for the first issuance of the certificate are met.

(ii) The requesting school district, approved private school, or educational service district will verify that the fifty continuing education credit hours earned as a requirement for reissuance of the certificate are designed to support the individual's professional growth, and enhance the individual's knowledge or skills to better assist students in meeting state learning goals.

(iii) Nonimmigrant exchange. The conditional certificate in the role of teacher may be reissued while the individual is being sponsored by a school district in an exchange and visiting teacher program.

(iv) Special education teacher. Conditional certificates in special education may only be reissued once. The reissuance of the special education conditional certificate will have a validity period of three years or less. The special education conditional certificate may only be reissued upon verification by the preparation program provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a state-approved teacher certificate program leading to a special education endorsement.

(v) School speech language pathologist or audiologist. Conditional certificates as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued twice.

The conditional certification as a school speech language pathologist or audiologist may be reissued if the candidate is enrolled in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial ESA certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.

The school speech language pathologist or audiologist conditional certificate may be reissued a second time upon verification by the degree provider that the individual is completing satisfactory progress in a master's degree program resulting in issuance of an initial school speech language pathologist or audiologist certificate in accordance with Washington requirements for certification.



(vi) Conditional certificates as a school behavior analyst may be reissued twice.

(vii) Conditional certificates as a school orientation and mobility specialist may be reissued once.

(2) **Transitional certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The transitional certificate provides flexibility for school districts in employing an individual whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired.

(b) **Roles.** The transitional certificate may be issued in roles of teacher, education staff associate, and administrator for continuing certificates.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The transitional certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district for an individual whose continuing certificate has lapsed or expired according to WAC 181-85-040.

(ii) School districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts are strongly encouraged to develop with the holder of a transitional certificate a plan of support for the holder to complete the necessary continuing certificate renewal requirements under WAC 181-85-130.

(d) **Minimum requirements.**

(i) The holder of the transitional certificate must complete the requirements for continuing certificate renewal within two years of the date the holder was issued the transitional certificate.

(ii) No individual whose continuing certificate has been suspended or revoked shall be eligible to be employed under this section.

(e) **Validity.** The transitional certificate is valid until two years from the date the holder was issued the certificate. The transitional certificate expiration date shall not be calculated under professional educator standards board policy WAC 181-79A-117.

(f) **Reissuance.** The transitional certificate is not renewable and may not be reissued.

(3) **Emergency substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the emergency substitute certificate is to assist school districts, approved private schools, and educational service districts with flexibility in meeting educator workforce needs.

(b) **Roles.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate may be issued in the role of teacher.

(ii) To ensure that related services personnel deliver special education services in their respective discipline or profession, the emergency substitute certificate may not be issued for individuals to serve in an educational staff associate role in accordance with 34 C.F.R. Part 300.156 (b) (2) (ii).

(iii) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve in the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district which requested the certificate.

(iv) Holders of the emergency substitute certificate may serve as substitutes if the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) The emergency substitute certificate is issued upon request by a school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(ii) If the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district has exhausted or reasonably anticipates it will exhaust its list of qualified substitutes who are willing to serve as substitutes, emergency substitute certificates may be issued to persons not fully qualified as substitutes under WAC 181-79A-232.

(d) **Validity.** Emergency substitute certificates shall be valid for two years or less.

(e) **Reissuance.** The emergency substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the employing local school district, approved private school, or educational service district.

(4) **Intern substitute certificate.**

(a) **Intent.** The intent of the intern substitute certificate is to provide the intern the opportunity to serve as a substitute when the cooperating teacher is absent. This provides the intern with experience while allowing for consistency in instruction for the students.

(b) **Roles.** The intern substitute certificate may be issued to student teachers or intern teachers.

(c) **Request requirements.**

(i) School districts, educational service districts, and approved private schools may request intern substitute teacher certificates for individuals enrolled in student teaching and internships to serve as substitute teachers in the absence of the cooperating teacher.

(ii) The supervising preparation program provider must approve the candidate for the intern substitute teacher certificate.

(d) **Minimum requirements.** The holder of the intern substitute certificate may be called at the discretion of the school district, education service district, or approved private school to serve as a substitute teacher only in the classroom(s) to which the individual is assigned as a student teacher or intern.

(e) **Validity.** The intern substitute teacher certificate is valid for one year or less.

(f) **Reissuance.** The intern substitute certificate may be reissued upon request by the local school district, approved private school, or educational service district, and approved by the educator preparation program provider.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 28A.410 and 28A.413 RCW. WSR 19-15-110, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/22/19, effective 8/22/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-072, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/11/18, effective 11/11/18; WSR 17-23-176, § 181-79A-231, filed 11/21/17, effective 12/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-08-037, § 181-79A-231, filed 3/29/17, effective 4/29/17; WSR 16-16-044, § 181-79A-231, filed 7/26/16, effective 8/26/16; WSR 15-20-058, § 181-79A-231, filed 10/1/15, effective 11/1/15; WSR 10-16-124, § 181-79A-231, filed 8/3/10, effective 9/3/10; WSR 07-04-003, § 181-79A-231, filed 1/24/07, effective 2/24/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-231, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-231, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 04-20-090, § 180-79A-231, filed 10/5/04, effective 11/5/04; WSR 03-14-115, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03; WSR 03-12-035, § 180-79A-231, filed 5/30/03, effective 6/30/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 02-13-027, § 180-79A-231, filed 6/12/02, effective 7/13/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 00-13-063, § 180-79A-231, filed

6/16/00, effective 7/17/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-79A-231, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-231, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-21-011, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18)

**WAC 181-79A-257 Out-of-state candidates.** Candidates for certification from other states who meet the general certificate requirements described in WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2) shall be eligible for Washington certificates as follows:

(1) **Residency or initial certificates.** The residency or initial certificate shall be issued by the superintendent of public instruction to any candidate who meets requirements for the (~~residency~~) certificate including testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220, and who meets one of the following:

(a) Holds the appropriate degree and, if applicable, credit hours and/or licensing as set forth in this chapter, and has completed a state approved preparation program in the professional field for which the certificate is to be issued and such additional professional fields as required by WAC 181-79A-150(4). Such programs shall include a defined course of study and a supervised internship.

(b) (~~Provided, That~~) If a candidate for teacher, administrator, or educational staff associate certification does not meet the qualifications described in (a) of this subsection, a residency or initial certificate shall be issued to a candidate who:

(i) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university.

(ii) Holds or has held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and has practiced at the P-12 level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years.

(c) Holds an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and has practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

(d) Holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP); and applies for a residency educational staff associated school psychologist certificate.

(2) **Professional certificate.** After August 31, 2000, the professional certificate shall be issued to out-of-state candidates if the candidate meets requirements for the residency certificate including testing requirements as described in RCW 28A.410.220, meets the child abuse course work requirement as described in WAC 181-79A-206 (3)(b), and if one of the following conditions is met:

(a) The candidate has completed an advanced level certification procedure approved by the professional educator standards board as equivalent to the approved program procedure required in Washington; or

(b) The candidate holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or

(c) The candidate holds a valid school counselor certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (~~(f-or~~

~~(d) A Washington state college or university with an approved professional certificate program verifies that the candidate has met all the requirements of that institution's approved program. The college/university shall evaluate the candidate's background to determine whether or not course work or certification activities are equivalent to that college/university's approved program).~~

(3) ((As per)) Under RCW 18.340.020 out-of-state candidates who are military spouses shall receive expedited issuance of the appropriate certificate in accordance with this section.

(4) Out-of-state candidates must meet the assessment requirements per chapters 181-01 and 181-02 WAC. Equivalent assessments will be published by the board.

(5) Out-of-state candidates for educational staff associate certificates under WAC 181-79A-223 are considered to have met the requirement for the professional transitions to public schools course work provided they meet one or more of the following:

(a) Have completed a state-approved program as an educational staff associate in the role; or

(b) Hold or have held a certificate in the role, comparable to a residency or initial certificate, issued by another state and have practiced at the P-12 school level in the role outside the state of Washington for at least three years; or

(c) Hold an appropriate degree from an accredited college or university and have practiced three years as an educational staff associate in that role in a state where such certificate was not required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.220. WSR 18-21-011, § 181-79A-257, filed 10/4/18, effective 11/4/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 15-23-013, § 181-79A-257, filed 11/6/15, effective 12/7/15; WSR 14-13-006, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/5/14, effective 7/6/14; WSR 11-15-038, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/13/11, effective 8/13/11; WSR 09-16-018, § 181-79A-257, filed 7/24/09, effective 8/24/09; WSR 07-20-047, § 181-79A-257, filed 9/26/07, effective 10/27/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-79A-257, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-79A-257, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 05-04-054, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/28/05, effective 2/28/05; WSR 04-21-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 10/7/04, effective 11/7/04; WSR 04-04-011, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 04-04-009, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04; WSR 01-18-043, § 180-79A-257, filed 8/29/01, effective 9/29/01; WSR 01-13-108, § 180-79A-257, filed 6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 00-23-005, § 180-79A-257, filed 11/2/00, effective 12/3/00; WSR 00-03-048, § 180-79A-257, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-79A-257, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-16-144, filed 8/4/20, effective 9/4/20)

**WAC 181-82-110 School district response and support for non-matched endorsements to course assignment of teachers.** (1) Individuals with initial, residency, endorsed continuing, professional, or emergency teacher certificates who are employed with a school district under RCW 28A.405.210 may be assigned to classes other than in their areas of endorsement. If teachers are so assigned, the following shall apply:

(a) A designated representative of the district and any (~~such~~) teacher so assigned shall mutually develop a written plan which provides for necessary assistance to the teacher, and which provides for a reasonable amount of planning and study time associated specifically with the out-of-endorsement assignment;

(b) Such teaching assignments shall be approved by a formal vote of the local school board for each teacher so assigned.

(2) Special education preendorsement waiver:

(a) A teacher who has completed two hundred forty continuing education credit hours under WAC 181-85-030 of course work applicable to a special education, early childhood special education, teacher of the visually impaired, or deaf education endorsement shall be eligible for a preendorsement waiver from the special education office (~~per~~) under chapter 392-172A WAC (~~which will allow that person to be employed as a special education teacher~~). Individuals with a preendorsement waiver are considered to have met the requirements for "substantial professional training" for the appropriate endorsement under WAC 392-172A-02090.

(b) All remaining requirements for the special education, early childhood special education, teacher of the visually impaired, or deaf education endorsement shall be completed within five years.

(3) (~~Such~~) Teachers (~~shall~~) are not (~~be~~) subject to nonrenewal or probation based on evaluation(~~s~~) of their teaching effectiveness in the out-of-endorsement assignments under this section.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-16-144, § 181-82-110, filed 8/4/20, effective 9/4/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 14-20-051, § 181-82-110, filed 9/25/14, effective 10/26/14; WSR 14-11-106, § 181-82-110, filed 5/21/14, effective 6/21/14; WSR 12-16-107, § 181-82-110, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12; WSR 08-12-056, § 181-82-110, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-82-110, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-82-110, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 03-04-023, § 180-82-110, filed 1/27/03, effective 2/27/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.220(4), 28A.305.130(1), 28A.410.018. WSR 00-18-063, § 180-82-110, filed 9/1/00, effective 10/2/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-04-008, § 180-82-110, filed 1/21/99, effective 2/21/99.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-17-135, filed 8/22/17, effective 9/22/17)

**WAC 181-82-130 Assignment of persons providing instruction of Braille to students.** (1) No certificated school district employee

shall be assigned to provide instruction of Braille to students who has not demonstrated competency with the standards for Unified English Braille code by:

(a) Successful completion of the National (~~Literary Braille Competency Test~~) Certification in Unified English Braille (NCUEB) assessment from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB); or

(b) Successful completion of Library of Congress certification in Braille transcription; or

(c) Successful completion of the Braille competency test developed at Washington State School for the Blind; or

~~((e))~~ (d) Successful completion of any other test approved for use by the professional educator standards board.

(2) No classified school district employee working under the supervision of a certificated school district employee, which certificated employee meets the requirement of subsection (1) of this section, may produce Braille material or provide instruction in the Braille code unless the employee has demonstrated competency with the standards for Unified English Braille code as provided under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (a) Each school district is responsible for monitoring the appropriate assignment of personnel under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(b) Any person under subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall have one year from the date of hire to successfully pass the testing requirement under subsection (1) of this section.

(c) The Washington Ogden Resource Center shall forward to the professional educator standards board the names of individuals who have passed the testing requirement under subsection (1) of this section and the date of passage. The center also shall forward to the professional educator standards board the names of individuals who have not passed the testing requirement within one year and the name of the employing school district of the individual.

(4) The professional educator standards board shall establish a test review committee which shall be responsible for developing criteria to evaluate a test under subsection (1) ~~((e))~~ of this section. No test shall be considered for approval by the professional educator standards board under subsection (1) ~~((e))~~ (d) of this section unless it has been evaluated by the test review committee and a recommendation for approval or disapproval has been submitted to the board. At a minimum, the membership of the committee shall include persons representing:

(a) National Federation of the Blind of Washington;

(b) Washington council of the blind;

(c) Association of education and rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired of Washington;

(d) Washington instructional resource center for the visually impaired;

(e) Washington state school for the blind; and

(f) Office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(5) A person who has met the requirement of subsection (1) of this section shall maintain their facility with the current Unified English Braille code by ~~((+~~

~~(a) Passing a recertification exam of completing learning modules every five years, or completing ten hours of Braille specific clock hours: Provided the option of clock hours is available only until January 2017)) meeting the requirements for recertification or renewal of~~

one of the approved exams or certificates, if the exam or certificate offers a recertification or renewal option.

~~((b))~~ (6) Individuals who seek through subsection (5) ~~((a))~~ of this section to remain eligible to work with visually impaired students are responsible for documenting completion of ~~((continuing education))~~ recertification or renewal for one of the approved exams or certificates, if the exam or certificate offers a recertification or renewal option. Such individuals are strongly encouraged to provide a copy of their documentation to their employing school district. The documentation shall not be collected by the professional educator standards board. However, the documentation could be audited for purposes of compliance with basic education appropriation requirements under WAC 180-16-195.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 17-17-135, § 181-82-130, filed 8/22/17, effective 9/22/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-04-128, § 181-82-130, filed 2/3/16, effective 3/5/16; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-82-130, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-82-130, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010, 28A.150.220(4). WSR 01-13-110, § 180-82-130, filed 6/20/01, effective 7/21/01; WSR 99-04-008, § 180-82-130, filed 1/21/99, effective 2/21/99.]

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-19-018, filed 9/9/16, effective 10/10/16)

**WAC 181-82A-202 Certificate endorsements.** Teacher certificates shall be endorsed as follows:

(1) **All levels:**

(a) Bilingual education.

(b) Computer science.

(c) Deaf education.

(d) Deaf education with American sign language (ASL) proficiency.

(e) Designated arts: Dance.

~~((d))~~ (f) Designated arts: Theatre arts.

~~((e))~~ (g) Designated arts: Music: Choral, instrumental or general.

~~((f))~~ (h) Designated arts, visual arts.

~~((g))~~ (i) Designated world languages.

~~((h))~~ (j) English language learner.

~~((i))~~ (k) Health/fitness.

~~((j))~~ (l) Library media.

~~((k))~~ (m) Reading.

~~((l))~~ (n) Special education.

(o) Teacher of the visually impaired. Upon adoption of a content knowledge assessment by the professional educator standards board, teacher of the visually impaired will be available as an endorsement. Until adoption, teacher of the visually impaired will be available as a specialty endorsement.

(2) **Early childhood:**

- (a) Early childhood education.
- (b) Early childhood special education.
- (3) **Elementary education.**
- (4) **Middle level:**
  - (a) Middle level—Humanities.
  - (b) Middle level—Mathematics.
  - (c) Middle level—Science.
- (5) **Secondary level:**
  - (a) Designated science: Biology.
  - (b) Designated science: Chemistry.
  - (c) Designated science: Earth and space science.
  - (d) Designated science: Physics.
  - (e) Designated career and technical education: Agriculture education, business and marketing education, family and consumer sciences education, and technology education.
  - (f) English language arts.
  - (g) History.
  - (h) Mathematics.
  - (i) Science.
  - (j) Social studies.
  - (k) Traffic safety.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 16-19-018, § 181-82A-202, filed 9/9/16, effective 10/10/16; WSR 08-08-027, § 181-82A-202, filed 3/24/08, effective 4/24/08; WSR 07-19-058, § 181-82A-202, filed 9/14/07, effective 10/15/07; WSR 07-08-030, § 181-82A-202, filed 3/27/07, effective 4/27/07. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-82A-202, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW and RCW 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-013, § 180-82A-202, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-11-123, filed 5/23/17, effective 6/23/17)

**WAC 181-82A-204 Endorsement requirements.** (1) **Completing an endorsement with a residency certificate.** Candidates completing endorsements required to obtain a residency certificate ~~((7))~~ shall complete ~~((college/university))~~ teacher preparation programs approved by the professional educator standards board ~~((pursuant to))~~ under chapter 181-78A WAC, which include methodology ~~((see WAC 181-78A-264(5)) and field experience/internship (see WAC 181-78A-264(6)) and pursuant to)),~~ field experience, and endorsement program approval requirements in this chapter.

(2) **Adding additional endorsements.** In order to add an additional endorsement, the candidate shall meet one or more of the following:

(a) Have completed a state-approved endorsement program which includes methodology ~~((see WAC 181-78A-264(5)))~~ and addresses all endorsement-specific competencies adopted and published by the professional educator standards board. The requirement for field experience shall be at the discretion of the ~~((college/university. Provided, that))~~ program provider. In cases where ~~((programs))~~ providers require ~~((a))~~ field ~~((experience/internship, the colleges/universities))~~ experience the provider should make every attempt to allow the individual to complete field-based requirements for the endorsement within the



confines of the individual's teaching schedule. The candidate shall also meet the content knowledge assessment requirement under chapter 181-02 WAC; or

(b) Achieve National Board certification in a Washington teaching endorsement area and hold a valid National Board certificate; or

(c) Pass the ~~((subject))~~ content knowledge test approved by the professional educator standards board for the certificate endorsement being sought per the list of test only endorsements adopted and published by the professional educator standards board.

(3) **Out-of-state.** Candidates from out-of-state shall be required to present verification that they completed a state-approved program (equivalent to a major) in a Washington endorsement area.

(4) ~~((Course work used to meet endorsement requirements must be completed through an accredited college/university as defined in WAC 181-78A-010.~~

~~(5) Only course work in which an individual received a grade of C (2.0) or higher or a grade of pass on a pass-fail system of grading shall be counted toward the course work required for the approved endorsement program.~~

~~(6))~~ **Deaf education.** Obtaining the deaf education endorsement requires one or more of the following:

(a) Completion of a state-approved program in deaf education, and meeting the content knowledge assessment requirement under chapter 181-02 WAC; or

(b) Completion of a program in deaf education approved by the council on education of the deaf, and meeting the content knowledge assessment requirement under chapter 181-02 WAC; or

(c) Baccalaureate degree or higher in deaf education from a program approved by the council on education of the deaf under RCW 28A.410.225, and the content knowledge assessment requirement under chapter 181-02 WAC.

(5) **Deaf education with American sign language (ASL) proficiency endorsement.** Obtaining the deaf education with ASL proficiency endorsement requires meeting the criteria in subsection (4) of this section, and in addition, meeting the ASL proficiency requirements for the endorsement as published by the professional educator standards board.

(6) **Program specific requirements.** Nothing within this chapter precludes a ~~((college or university))~~ program provider from adopting additional requirements as conditions for recommendation ~~((r))~~ for an endorsement by such ~~((college or university,))~~ provider to the superintendent of public instruction ~~((for a particular subject area endorsement)).~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 17-11-123, § 181-82A-204, filed 5/23/17, effective 6/23/17; WSR 15-23-015, § 181-82A-204, filed 11/6/15, effective 12/7/15; WSR 15-12-097, § 181-82A-204, filed 6/2/15, effective 7/3/15; WSR 10-23-076, § 181-82A-204, filed 11/15/10, effective 12/16/10; WSR 10-16-016, § 181-82A-204, filed 7/22/10, effective 8/22/10; WSR 09-12-057 and 09-22-052, § 181-82A-204, filed 5/28/09 and 10/29/09, effective 6/28/09 and 11/29/09; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-82A-204, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-82A-204, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130. WSR 04-23-007, § 180-82A-204, filed 11/4/04, effective 12/5/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 03-14-114, § 180-82A-204, filed 6/30/03, effective 7/31/03. Statutory Authority:

Chapter 28A.410 RCW and RCW 28A.305.130 (1) through (4). WSR 02-04-013, § 180-82A-204, filed 1/24/02, effective 2/24/02.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-05-071, filed 2/19/13, effective 3/22/13)

**WAC 181-82A-208 Specialty endorsements.** The following specialty endorsements may be added to an existing endorsed teaching certificate:

~~(1) ((Deaf education (per RCW 28A.410.225)).~~

~~(a) This specialty endorsement is required for teachers who will be working almost exclusively with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.~~

~~(b) Program requirements are waived and this specialty endorsement granted if a candidate possesses a baccalaureate or master's degree in deaf education from a teacher training program approved by the council on education of the deaf.~~

~~(2)) Environmental and sustainability education.~~

~~((3)) (2) Teacher of the visually impaired. Upon adoption of a content knowledge assessment by the professional educator standards board, teacher of the visually impaired will be available as an endorsement. Until adoption, teacher of the visually impaired will be available as a specialty endorsement.~~

~~((4) Orientation and mobility teacher. Program requirements are waived and this specialty endorsement granted if a teacher possesses an orientation and mobility specialist certificate from the academy for certification of vision rehabilitation and education professionals.~~

~~(5)) (3) Gifted education.~~

~~((6)) (4) Elementary mathematics specialist.~~

~~(5) Other specialty endorsements as approved by the professional educator standards board.~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-05-071, § 181-82A-208, filed 2/19/13, effective 3/22/13; WSR 13-04-098, § 181-82A-208, filed 2/6/13, effective 3/9/13; WSR 11-12-079, § 181-82A-208, filed 5/31/11, effective 7/1/11; WSR 10-17-015, § 181-82A-208, filed 8/5/10, effective 9/5/10; WSR 09-12-087, § 181-82A-208, filed 6/1/09, effective 7/2/09; WSR 06-20-063, § 181-82A-208, filed 9/29/06, effective 10/30/06.]