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### **67.1-02-03-01. Elementary endorsement.**

Re-education of a licensed teacher for elementary schoolteaching may be accomplished by:

1. Completing a state-approved elementary teacher education program of thirty-two semester hours, including a regular classroom student teaching experience of six quarter hours or a minimum of five consecutive weeks between kindergarten through grade eight; or
2. The clinical practice option described in section 67.1-02-04-07. The coursework must include special methods of teaching elementary content areas with a minimum of twelve semester hours specific to teaching elementary school reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies along with additional appropriate elementary education coursework.

All elementary endorsement applicants grades one through eight will need to meet or exceed the cut scores for the elementary test and the principles of learning and teaching test as set by the education standards and practices board.

A verified successful college-supervised internship with credit may be substituted for student teaching under this section. The internship option within the elementary endorsement is available only:

1. To an individual who has graduated from a state-approved teacher education program that has as part of its approved preparation a year of college-supervised internship at the elementary level; or
2. To an individual licensed by the North Dakota education standards and practices board to teach kindergarten through grade twelve in accordance with North Dakota Century Code sections 15.1-18-03 and 15.1-18-02 who has already successfully completed a minimum of five weeks of full-time student teaching at the elementary level in the individual's specialty area. The total internship contact hours in the classroom must be equivalent to a minimum of five weeks of full-time student teaching and consist of classroom time blocks not less than one-half of one day.
3. The internship must occur in a regular kindergarten through grade eight classroom setting and allow the intern to experience the full range of curriculum and classroom operations. Individuals performing elementary endorsement internships work under the supervision of licensed teachers and must not be assigned in lieu of regularly employed teachers.

State-approved test endorsement - elementary. Re-education of a licensed teacher for elementary schoolteaching may also be accomplished by holding a North Dakota regular educator's professional license and the successful completion of the pedagogical test grades one through six, and elementary content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the board in the content area to be taught. Re-education for the elementary endorsement must be completed prior to assignment to teach in the elementary content area.

4. Specialty area endorsement in art, foreign language, or music for elementary teachers grades one through eight. Elementary teachers with a major or major equivalency defined in section 67.1-02-03-01 in elementary education will be considered qualified to teach art, foreign language, or music grades one through eight. Elementary teachers with a major, minor, or minor equivalency endorsement in art, foreign language, or music will be considered qualified in art, foreign language, or music grades one through eight.
5. The applicant shall apply online at [www.nd.gov/espb](http://www.nd.gov/espb) using the online application ND Teach, submit official transcripts, and pay the review fee of eighty-five dollars.

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#### **67.1-02-03-02. Kindergarten endorsement.**

1. Reeducation of elementary teachers for kindergarten schoolteaching may be accomplished by presenting a minimum of twelve semester hours of kindergarten coursework in foundations of early childhood, kindergarten methods and materials, early language and literacy, observation, and assessment for the kindergarten child. The applicant must have a minimum of one year full-time equivalent successful teaching experience in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or grade one or sixty field experience hours student teaching of four semester hours or six quarter hours or a minimum of five consecutive weeks applicable to the endorsed area. Re-education for the kindergarten endorsement must be completed prior to or within two years of assignment to teach at the kindergarten level; or
2. State-approved test endorsement - kindergarten. Re-education of a licensed teacher for kindergarten schoolteaching may also be accomplished by holding a North Dakota regular educator's professional license and successful completion of the pedagogical test birth through grade three and early childhood content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the education standards and practices board in the content area to be taught. Re-education for the kindergarten endorsement must be completed prior to assignment to teach in the kindergarten content area.
3. A kindergarten endorsement shall be issued to those applicants for a North Dakota other state educator license who hold a regular teaching license in early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education from another state and:
  - a. Have a kindergarten endorsement from another state; or
  - b. Provide verification of two years of successful teaching of kindergarten students.

The applicant must apply online at [www.nd.gov/espb](http://www.nd.gov/espb) using the online application ND Teach and submit official transcripts and the review fee of eighty-five dollars.

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**67.1-02-03-03. Secondary endorsement.**

Re-education for secondary schoolteaching may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

1. By completing the minimum requirements for a degree in secondary education, including student teaching in grades five through twelve or the clinical practice option as described in section 67.1-02-04-07, and a North Dakota-recognized content area major.
2. An individual who already has a North Dakota-recognized major meeting the state-approved teacher education standards may complete the secondary minor equivalency.
3. An individual who has a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a transcribed recognized content minor may complete the coursework necessary for the major in the core academic areas, secondary methods coursework, and a minimum of five weeks of student teaching in grades five through twelve or the interim licensure clinical practice option under section 67.1-02-04-07.
4. An individual who has a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a transcribed recognized content minor is licensed to teach in the minor area in grades five through twelve.
5. State-approved test endorsement - secondary. Re-education of a licensed teacher for secondary schoolteaching may be accomplished by holding a North Dakota regular educator's professional license and the successful completion of the secondary or specialty content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the board in the content area to be taught. Re-education for the secondary endorsement must be completed prior to assignment to teach in the secondary content area. An official transcript and test scores documenting the major must be attached to the endorsement form.

The applicant must apply online at [www.nd.gov/espb](http://www.nd.gov/espb) using the online application ND Teach, submit official transcripts, and the review fee of ninety dollars.

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**67.1-02-03-04. Middle school pedagogical endorsement for grades five through eight.**

The middle school pedagogical endorsement (50517) is optional for teachers licensed for grades five through twelve to qualify for work with grades five through eight in the subject fields of their licensure. Elementary teachers licensed to teach grades one through eight must complete the middle school pedagogical endorsement (50017) to teach in grades seven and eight. A review of past coursework will be conducted and a program of study needed for completion will be established. The middle school pedagogical endorsement requires a minimum of ten semester hours, including all of the following:

1. Development of young adolescents.
2. Philosophy and curriculum (foundations) of middle school education.
3. Teaching reading and other study or learning skills in the content areas.
4. Methods or strategies of teaching in the middle grades, two semester hours minimum.

5. Re-education for the middle level endorsement must include a twenty clock-hour field experience in grades five through eight in a school setting where middle level philosophy has been implemented, or successful teaching in grades five through eight in a school setting where middle level philosophy has been implemented.

Re-education for the middle school endorsement must be completed within two years of application of the endorsement.

State-approved test endorsement - middle level. Re-education of a licensed teacher for middle level schoolteaching may also be accomplished by holding a North Dakota regular educator's professional license and successful completion of the pedagogical test grades five through eight and middle level content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the education standards and practices board in the content area to be taught. Re-education for the middle endorsement must be completed prior to assignment to teach in the middle content area.

The applicant must apply online at [www.nd.gov/espb](http://www.nd.gov/espb) using the online application ND Teach, submit official transcripts, and the review fee of eighty-five dollars.

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#### **67.1-02-03-05. Bilingual education or English language development endorsement.**

English language development endorsement (24000). Re-education for "English language development" endorsement for any licensed teacher may be accomplished by presenting at least sixteen semester hours or twenty-four quarter hours of college coursework in all of the areas following in subsections 1 through 5.

Bilingual education endorsement (24500). Re-education for a bilingual education endorsement for any licensed teacher may be accomplished by completing all the requirements for the English language development endorsement in subsections 1 through 5 and meeting the additional requirements related to bilingual education in subsections 6 and 7.

1. Foundations. Four semester hours or six quarter hours of college coursework, including the following:
  - a. Multicultural education.
  - b. Foundations of second language instruction.
2. Linguistics. Six semester or nine quarter hours of college coursework, including the following areas:
  - a. Linguistics.
  - b. Psycholinguistics.
  - c. Sociolinguistics.
3. Methods. Two semester or three quarter hours of college coursework, including methods of teaching English as a second language to students.
4. Assessment. Two semester hours or three quarter hours of college coursework from assessment and testing of culturally diverse students.

5. Field experience. Two semester or three quarter hours of college coursework in field teaching experience with limited English proficient students in a bilingual or English as a second language setting.
6. Methods of teaching bilingual education.
7. A minimum of sixteen semester hours or twenty-four quarter hours in a language other than English or documented proficiency in a language other than English.

Re-education for the bilingual education or English language development endorsement must be completed within two years of assignment to teach bilingual education or English as a second language. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as a bilingual or English language development teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the two-year period. The bilingual or English language development endorsement enables the applicant to teach bilingual or English as a second language grades prekindergarten through twelve. Applicants teaching other content material must hold licensure appropriate to the teaching of that content at the assigned grade levels in compliance with North Dakota Century Code sections 15.1-18-03 and 15.1-18-02 and this article.

The applicant must complete the endorsement application and submit to the board office with the official transcripts and the fee of eighty dollars.

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#### **67.1-02-03-06. Minor equivalency endorsement.**

1. Nothing in this section may be interpreted to affect the validity of minor equivalencies issued by the department of public instruction prior to September 1, 1998.
2. The applicant wishing to apply under the minor equivalency endorsement option must be licensed to teach under North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-18-02 or 15.1-18-03. The minor equivalency endorsement will be issued for the same grade levels as the individual's primary licensure, the same as for minors transcribed by colleges of teacher education. Those whose primary licensure is secondary may use the endorsement to teach the new content area in grades five through twelve. Those whose primary licensure is elementary grades one through eight or middle school (grades five through eight) may use the endorsement for additional content expertise at those levels but may not use it to teach at the high school level without a complete secondary endorsement.
3. The applicant must apply for the minor equivalency online using the NDTeach system, and submit transcripts and the review fee of eighty dollars.
4. Three levels of content area endorsements are available to be added to the existing North Dakota professional educator's license.
  - a. The ME16 requires a minimum of sixteen semester hours of content-specific coursework, including the areas of study approved and required by the education standards and practices board. The ME16 will be reviewed when the applicant applies for renewal licensure. The coursework for the ME24 must be completed within five years of the application date for the ME16. If the ME24 coursework is not completed within five years, the ME16 will be removed from the license.

- b. The ME24 requires a minimum of twenty-four semester hours of content-specific coursework, including the areas of study approved and required by the education standards and practices board. The ME24 also must include the special methods of teaching in the content area. The ME24 is considered equivalent to a full teaching minor.
5. All coursework for the minor equivalency endorsement must be beyond the introductory level general studies courses as defined in section 67.1-02-02-02 and be transcribed by a state-approved college of teacher education program.
6. The minor equivalency endorsement must be completed prior to contracted teaching in the content area.
7. The following coursework and requirements must be completed for the specific minor equivalency:
  - a. Agriculture (01005) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including three semester hours each in agriculture economics, agriculture management, animal science, plant science, and elective; six semester hours in agriculture leadership, community development, or philosophy of career and technical education; and special methods of teaching agriculture education.
  - b. Art (02005) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including art history, design, drawing, painting, ceramics, and special methods of teaching art.
  - c. Biology (13010) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including biology I and II, botany, zoology, genetics, general chemistry I and II, and special methods of teaching biology or science.
  - d. Business (03020) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including three semester hours in keyboarding, six semester hours in accounting, three semester hours in computer technology, general business, business communication, and special methods of teaching business.
  - e. Chemistry (13020) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including general chemistry I and II with labs, organic chemistry I and II with labs, analytic chemistry, and special methods of teaching chemistry or science.
  - f. Composite science (13047) - A total of twenty-four semester hours with eight semester hours with labs in biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science, and special methods of teaching science.
  - g. Computer science (23000) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including six semester hours a year-long sequence of structured language, two semester hours in advanced assembler language, eight semester hours in computer-related coursework, microcomputing, data structures and algorithms, operating systems, and special methods of teaching computer science.
  - h. CTE health careers (07000) - Criteria to meet this endorsement is available through the department of career and technical education.
  - i. CTE trade, industry, and technical (17000) - Criteria to meet this endorsement is available through the department of career and technical education.
  - j. CTE resource educator (26000) - Philosophy and practices of career and technical education, vocational assessment, career development, competency-based career and technical education, cooperative education, special needs teaching methods, introduction to exceptional children, mental retardation, learning disabilities, or emotional disturbance,

working with at-risk students, behavior problems, classroom strategies, and other courses or workshops as approved by the career and technical education supervisor.

- k. CTE information technology (27000) - Criteria to meet this endorsement is available through the department of career and technical education.
- l. CTE basic skills educator (28000) - Philosophy and practices of career and technical education, vocational assessment, career development, competency-based career and technical education, cooperative education, special needs teaching methods, introduction to exceptional children, mental retardation, learning disabilities, or emotional disturbance, working with at-risk students, behavior problems, remedial mathematics, remedial reading, and other courses or workshops as approved by the career and technical education supervisor.
- m. CTE teacher student mentor (29000) - Criteria to meet this endorsement is available through the department of career and technical education.
- n. CTE career clusters (37000) - Criteria to meet this endorsement is available through the department of career and technical education.
- o. Drama or theater (05015) - Sixteen semester hours of drama or theater coursework.
- p. Driver education (21005) - Valid operator's license not suspended or revoked. Provide by January first of each year a complete abstract of the applicant's driving record for the past thirty-six months from a state driver's licensing office evidencing a satisfactory driving record free from any conviction that would constitute the basis for suspension or revocation on the instructor's operator's license, and not more than three moving traffic violations. Ten semester hours consisting of at least one course each in classroom driver and traffic education, in-car instruction, beginning driver problems, and organization and administration of safety education. Fourteen semester hours with no more than three semester hours in any one area: first aid; substance abuse education; equipment training, which may include simulator use and educational technology; classroom management; developmental psychology covering adolescent psychology; stress management; curriculum, planning, and assessment; teaching diverse learners; and educational psychology. Field experience required for elementary or middle school teachers provided by a driver's education mentor with a minimum of three years' experience in driver's education must include three clock-hours of in-car observation and three clock-hours of in-car instruction. This field experience must be documented with a letter from the school principal and driver education mentor. The renewal of the driver's education endorsement requires two semester hours every five years of driver and traffic safety coursework. It is the responsibility of the instructor to notify the education standards and practices board of any driving offense, suspension, revocation, or cancellation of the driving license. Applicants holding a lifetime teaching license with ten years of driver's education instruction in North Dakota shall complete two semester hours of re-education every six years.
- q. Earth science (13035) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including general chemistry I and II with labs, physical geology, historical geology, astronomy, meteorology, and special methods of teaching science.
- r. Economics (15010) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including principles of macroeconomics I and II, money and banking, computer applications in economics, and methods of teaching economics or social science.
- s. English (05020) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including three semester hours of grammar and usage, six semester hours of composition, three semester hours of

speech, three semester hours of developmental reading, literary analysis and criticism, nine semester hours of American and English literature, media, and special methods of teaching English.

- t. Family and consumer science (09040) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including child development and family science, consumer education and resource management, food and nutrition, health and wellness, apparel and textiles, housing issues and interior design, and the special methods of teaching family and consumer science.
- u. Foreign languages (French 06010, German 06015, Greek 06020, Latin 06025, Spanish 06035, Chinese 06260) - Sixteen semester hours specific to the foreign language, including composition and conversational structure of the language, culture, customs, and civilization relative to the language, introduction to literature in the language, and the special methods of teaching foreign language.
- v. Geography (15015) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including physical geography, cultural geography, world geography, North American geography, and the special methods of teaching geography or social science.
- w. Government and political science (15007) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including American government, political thought, international or global politics, and the special methods of teaching social science.
- x. Health (18015) - Twenty-four semester hours in first aid, and safety, nutrition, exercise physiology or fitness, personal and community health, current issues in health education, and the special methods and curriculum in school health education.
- y. History (15020) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including United States history I and II, western civilization I and II or world history I and II, and the special methods of teaching.
- z. Library science (50065) - Twenty-four semester hours in introduction to the role of the librarian in the school library, reference, selection of materials and collection development, classification and cataloging of library materials, library administration, conducting research following state and national library standards, current issues in school librarianship, a study of children's literature, young adult literature, and reading methods.
- aa. Marketing (04006) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including marketing, economics, promotion and advertising, management, student organizations, methods of teaching marketing or business education, philosophy of career and technical education, and nine credits in any of the following: accounting, advertising, business, business technology, economics, finance, promotion, and selling.
- bb. Mathematics (11010) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including calculus, abstract algebra, geometry (axiomatic), calculus I and II, linear algebra, abstract algebra, probability and statistics, and methods of teaching mathematics.
- cc. Music composite (12010) - Twenty-four semester hours in music theory (six semester hours), music history or literature, ear training or sight singing, conducting, keyboard proficiency, and methods of elementary and secondary music teaching.
- dd. Instrumental music (12005) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including music theory, ear training or sight singing, conducting, and eight semester hours of coursework in instrumental music, keyboard proficiency, and methods of elementary and secondary music teaching.

- ee. Choral or vocal music (12015) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including music theory, ear training or sight singing, conducting, and eight semester hours of coursework in vocal music, keyboard proficiency, and methods of elementary and secondary music teaching.
- ff. Physics (13050) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including general physics I and II, modern physics, electronics, mechanics, and methods of teaching science.
- gg. Physical education (08025) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including organization and administration of physical education and health, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, prevention and care of athletic injuries, health issues, physiology of exercise, foundations or curriculum of physical education, human physiology or anatomy, physical education for exceptional children, band, and methods of teaching sports activities, games, and dance.
- hh. Physical science (13045) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including eight semester hours each in general chemistry I and II with labs, general physics I and II, and methods of teaching science.
  - ii. Psychology (15030) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including introduction to psychology, development psychology, abnormal psychology, personality theory, social psychology, and methods of teaching psychology or social science.
- jj. Reading (58904) - Sixteen semester hours of content specific coursework beyond the introductory level.
- kk. Social studies composite (15035) - Twenty-four semester hours in United States history, world civilization, world history, American government, world geography, physical geography, introduction to sociology, economics, psychology, and methods of teaching social science.
- ll. Sociology (15040) - A total of sixteen semester hours, including introduction to sociology, introduction to anthropology, social psychology, and methods of teaching social science.
- mm. Special education (19015) - A total of sixteen semester hours of special education coursework required for the ME 16. For ME 24, twenty-four semester hours of coursework must include special education law, special education assessment, special education methods/strategies, and a special education practicum.
- nn. Speech (05045) - Sixteen semester hours of speech or communication coursework.
- oo. Technology education (10007) - Coursework must include sixteen semester hours from the following list: principles or foundations of technology, technology and society, impacts of technology, history of technology, engineering design, design process, troubleshooting, invention and innovation, research and development, technology systems, modeling, i.e., three-dimensional modeling and prototyping, technology resources, and intelligent machines or robotics or automated systems. Coursework must include six semester hours from the following list: medical technology, agriculture and related biotechnologies, energy and power technologies, information and communication technologies, transportation technology, manufacturing technology, and construction technology. A minimum of three semester hours in study of methods of teaching technology education that must include curriculum and methods in standards-based instruction.
- pp. Native language endorsement (15046) - Coursework must include thirty semester hours in classroom management; theories of second language acquisition; methods of second language acquisition; introduction to the specific native language linguistic analysis I and II; native American studies I; the specific native language I, II, III, and IV; and native language history and culture.

- qq. STEM education (10300) - Coursework must include twelve semester hours in STEM (transdisciplinary coursework in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) philosophy, STEM curriculum, STEM methods, STEM strategies, and a two-day field experience in a STEM business or industry or school-based setting.
- rr. Theology (50040) - Requirements needed for the theology endorsement include a letter from the nonpublic school administration and the documentation on official transcripts of the baccalaureate degree.

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### **67.1-02-03-07. Major equivalency endorsements.**

1. **Core academic areas.** For purposes of this section, English, reading and language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, music, visual arts, history, civics and government, geography, and economics are considered core academic areas. All other areas are considered noncore academic areas.
2. **Major equivalency endorsement.** A major equivalency endorsement is a licensure option in which an individual already licensed to teach in North Dakota may add qualifications to the license by demonstrating the individual has competency equivalent to the North Dakota program approval standards and other licensure requirements in section 67.1-02-02-02 for the new area.
  - a. The minimum number of semester hours or equivalent competency documentation for a major equivalency is thirty-two semester hours, with the exception of composite majors, which require forty-two semester hours. Competency equivalent to a major in early childhood education, elementary education, middle level education, or secondary education academic majors must include evidence of appropriate:
    - (1) Content area preparation;
    - (2) Teaching methods and strategies; and
    - (3) Applied experience at the appropriate grade levels, i.e., field experience, clinical practice, or student teaching.

Endorsements issued by the board may be used toward demonstration of competency.

- b. North Dakota-licensed individuals who wish to add a major equivalency to an existing professional educators' license may demonstrate the new content area competency through the following options approved by the education standards and practices board:
  - (1) Undergraduate or graduate, or both, coursework equivalent to a major and aligned with the North Dakota program approval standards;
  - (2) An advanced degree in the major area which by itself, or in combination with other coursework, meets or exceeds the requirements for preparation in the major at the undergraduate level;
  - (3) A minor or minor equivalency in the area to be taught with successful completion of a content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the education standards and practices board;

- (4) Existing North Dakota licensure in the area with successful teaching experience and successful completion of content-based competency assessments approved by the education standards and practices board;
  - (5) National board for professional teaching standards certification in the major area; or
  - (6) State-approved test endorsement. Hold a valid regular North Dakota educator's professional license and pass one of the following options:
    - (a) The pedagogical test birth through grade three and the early childhood test;
    - (b) The pedagogical test grades one through six and the elementary content test;
    - (c) The middle level content test; or
    - (d) The content specific test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the education standards and practices board in the content area to be taught.
3. **Major equivalency endorsement - requirements.** To be considered for a major equivalency, individuals teaching in the areas of early childhood education, elementary education, middle level education, and secondary education academic areas must be licensed in accordance with the laws and administrative rules of the education standards and practices board and must meet the provisions in North Dakota Century Code chapter 15.1-18, which include holding a major or major equivalency in the core content areas in which they are teaching.
- a. Major equivalency endorsement for elementary teachers grades one through eight. All elementary teachers new to the profession and all early childhood education teachers whose licensure will include grades one through three must pass a content-based test and teaching skills test in elementary education or early childhood education, approved by the board. Elementary teachers already licensed in North Dakota prior to July 1, 2006, are considered qualified on the basis of holding a major or endorsement in elementary education or a major in early childhood education which qualifies to teach grades one through three.
  - b. Major equivalency endorsement for middle level teachers grades five through eight. Individuals teaching in a middle school must meet the board grade level requirements in section 67.1-02-03-04. For a middle school content area endorsement teachers must, beginning July 1, 2006, hold a minimum equivalent of twenty-four semester hours of content area preparation and methods in the subject area specializations in which they are teaching or may demonstrate major equivalency in subject areas through options allowed in subdivision b of subsection 3.

The twenty-four semester hours of content area preparation and methods of this subdivision for the subject area specialization must include the following specific semester hour preparation as listed in the following subject areas:

- (1) Middle school English and language arts (50117).
  - (a) Three semester hours in speech or debate;
  - (b) Six semester hours in reading;
  - (c) Three semester hours in grammar;
  - (d) Three semester hours in writing and composition;
  - (e) Six semester hours in literature; and

- (f) Three semester hours in methods of teaching language and communication.
- (2) Middle school mathematics (50317). Required content must be beyond the college algebra level.
    - (a) Coursework in college algebra or precalculus;
    - (b) Three semester hours in calculus;
    - (c) Geometry;
    - (d) Probability and statistics;
    - (e) Computer and instruction technology;
    - (f) Mathematics electives; and
    - (g) Methods of teaching mathematics.
  - (3) Middle school science (50417).
    - (a) Six semester hours in life science or biology;
    - (b) Six semester hours in earth science or geology;
    - (c) Four semester hours in physics;
    - (d) Three semester hours in chemistry; and
    - (e) Three semester hours in methods of teaching science.
  - (4) Middle school social studies (50217).
    - (a) Nine semester hours in North Dakota geography, North American geography, world regional geography;
    - (b) Twelve semester hours in world history, North Dakota studies or history, United States history to 1877; and
    - (c) Three semester hours in teaching social science methods.
- c. Major equivalency endorsement for secondary teachers grades five through twelve. To be considered qualified, secondary teachers must hold a major or major equivalency in the content areas in which they are teaching, and a major, major equivalency, minor, or minor equivalency in noncore areas in which they are teaching.
  - d. Major equivalency endorsement for teachers in science grades five through twelve. Secondary teachers with majors in biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics (minimum of thirty-two semester hours) or physical science and other composite science degrees (minimum of forty-two semester hours) will be licensed to teach in each specific science discipline in which the individual has the minimum preparation for that specific science discipline aligned with the North Dakota standards for the areas (eight semester hours).
  - e. Major equivalency endorsement for teachers in social studies grades five through twelve. Secondary teachers with majors in history (thirty-two semester hours), geography (thirty-two semester hours), civics and government (thirty-two semester hours), economics (thirty-two semester hours), or composite social studies (forty-two semester hours) will be licensed to teach in each specific social studies discipline in which the

individual has a minimum number of semester hours aligned with the North Dakota standards for the area: history (eight semester hours), geography (eight semester hours), civics and government (eight semester hours), economics (eight semester hours), psychology (four semester hours), and sociology (four semester hours).

- f. Major equivalency endorsement for English and language arts teachers grades five through twelve. Secondary teachers with majors in English and language arts (thirty-two semester hours) will be licensed to teach in additional areas of speech, journalism, or drama and theater arts if the individual has a minimum preparation of six semester hours aligned with the North Dakota standards for that specialization. Individuals who hold majors, major equivalencies, minors, or minor equivalencies in speech, journalism, or drama and theater arts will also be licensed to teach those specializations.
  - g. Major equivalency endorsement for music teachers grades prekindergarten through twelve. Teachers with majors in the field of music (minimum of thirty-two semester hours) will be licensed to teach at grade levels consistent with their preparation as stated in the rules for initial licensure in section 67.1-02-02-02.
4. **Special education licensure.** To be considered qualified in special education, the teacher will need to hold an early childhood, elementary, middle level, or secondary license, hold a bachelor's degree, demonstrate knowledge in the subject the teacher is teaching, and hold the special education endorsement, major, minor, or master's degree pursuant to the special education category the teacher is serving. Special education teachers not holding regular licensure at the level they are teaching will only be able to provide consultative services to students in grades prekindergarten through grade twelve.

Re-education of a licensed teacher for special education schoolteaching may also be accomplished by holding a North Dakota professional educator's regular license and completion of a special education disability content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the board in the disability area to be taught.

**History:** Effective July 1, 2004; amended effective April 1, 2006; July 1, 2008; July 1, 2012; October 1, 2014; April 1, 2018; October 1, 2020.

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#### **67.1-02-03-08. Career and technical educator endorsements.**

The applicant wishing to apply for the career and technical educator endorsements must be licensed by the board to teach under North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-18-02 or 15.1-18-03. Prior to applying for the career and technical educator endorsement, the applicant must be approved by the career and technical educator state supervisor of special needs and trade, technical, and health, or the state supervisor of information technology, through the review of work experience or college transcripts, development of a program of study, and completion of the career and technical educator endorsement form. The form, transcripts, and fee of eighty-five dollars should be forwarded to the board office. Applicants may apply for the career and technical educator endorsements in career and technical resource educator endorsement, career and technical basic skills educator endorsement, career and technical teacher-student mentor endorsement, diversified occupations endorsements, trade, technical, and health endorsement, or the information technology endorsement.

Individuals with a career and technical educator license, who have a four-year degree, and have completed the transition to teaching program may take the state-approved test to qualify for a non-career and technical educator content area.

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**67.1-02-03-09. Early childhood education endorsement (50037).**

The birth to grade three early childhood education endorsement may be completed by an applicant with a nonteaching degree in a related field or holding a valid North Dakota educator's professional license. The applicant must complete all requirements for initial licensure in section 67.1-02-02-02, submit a program of study from a state-approved teacher education program including thirty-two semester hours in early childhood education, twenty-two semester hours of professional education, and field experience or student teaching of ten weeks in grades prekindergarten through grade three. If the applicant has completed a previous student teaching experience of ten weeks, the re-education early childhood student teaching experience may be five weeks.

The early childhood education coursework must include six semester hours in child development and learning; three semester hours in building family and community relations; three semester hours in observation and assessment; eighteen semester hours in methods of mathematics, science, social studies, reading, language arts, early language literacy, and play; three semester hours in administration and leadership; twenty-two semester hours in education foundations, educational psychology, teaching and learning theory, educational diagnosis and assessment, inclusive education, educational technology, classroom and behavioral management, and multicultural or native American studies specific to teaching; and field experience must include three supervised field experiences and two student teaching experiences for a minimum of ten weeks (five weeks student teaching for applicants with an existing teaching license). One student teaching experience must be in an accredited prekindergarten or kindergarten setting and the other in grade one, two, or three, and include the opportunity to work with children with special needs.

Effective July 1, 2006, all early childhood endorsement applicants will need to meet or exceed the cut scores as determined by the board for the early childhood education test and the pedagogical assessment.

Re-education of a licensed teacher for early childhood schoolteaching may also be accomplished by holding a North Dakota professional educator's regular license and completion of the pedagogical test birth through grade three, and early childhood content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the education standards and practices board in the content area to be taught.

The applicant must apply online at [www.nd.gov/esp](http://www.nd.gov/esp) using the online application ND Teach, submit transcripts, and the review fee of eighty dollars.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15.1-13-10, 15.1-13-11, 15.1-13-14

**67.1-02-03-10. Rural flexibility endorsement.**

Repealed effective April 1, 2018.

**67.1-02-03-11. Teaching alternative flexibility endorsement.**

1. The applicant wishing to apply for the teaching alternative flexibility endorsement must:
  - a. Be licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board;
  - b. Hold a minimum of a minor, minor equivalency, or have held a valid license from the other state for a minimum of two years in the course area or field being taught;

- c. Provide a letter from the school district requesting this endorsement for the applicant and documenting a diligent effort has been made to employ a regularly licensed teacher to fill the position;
- d. Submit a program of study to be completed within three years to become qualified; and
- e. Complete the teaching alternative flexibility endorsement plan form and submit.

If the applicant under this subsection is a special education teacher, the plan of study will need to be completed in two years and the teaching alternative flexibility endorsement will only be renewed once.

- 2. The applicant will:
  - a. Demonstrate successful completion of one-third of the total coursework of the program of study prior to renewal.
  - b. Pass the state-approved test within one year.

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#### **67.1-02-03-12. Special education endorsements.**

Re-education of a licensed teacher for special education schoolteaching may be accomplished by completing a special education disabilities content test meeting or exceeding the minimum scores determined by the board in the disability area to be taught.

- 1. **Early childhood special education endorsement (19037).** The applicant wishing to apply for the early childhood special education endorsement must:
  - a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education, early childhood education, or elementary education.
  - b. Complete a minimum of twenty-two semester hours primarily at the graduate level in the following core coursework: children with exceptional learning needs, assessment of students with disabilities or special needs or assessment of young children, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Early childhood special education coursework, including characteristics and introduction of young children, methods and materials of young children with disabilities, assessment of young children, development of young children, including the domains of social, emotional cognition, language and literacy, and physical and adaptive must also be completed. A two semester hour early childhood special education practicum or internship must be completed.
  - c. The early childhood special education endorsement enables the applicant to teach early childhood special education birth through grade three.
  - d. A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the early childhood special education endorsement may be requested and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach early childhood special education. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the early childhood special education regardless of

how many hours already transcribed in special education. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as an early childhood special education teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.

2. **Emotional disturbance special education endorsement.** The applicant wishing to apply for the emotional disturbance special education endorsement must:
  - a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education;
  - b. Complete a minimum of twenty-four semester hours primarily at the graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to emotional disturbance must also be completed, including characteristics and introduction of emotional disturbance, methods and materials of emotional disturbance, transition, inclusive settings, and assistive technology. A two semester hour practicum or internship in emotional disturbance must also be completed. Secondary prepared teachers must also complete methods in elementary reading and elementary mathematics.
  - c. Have completed coursework in reading methods and mathematics methods, if prepared as a secondary teacher.
  - d. A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the emotional disturbance special education endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach emotional disturbance special education. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the emotional disturbance regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as an emotional disturbance special education teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
  - e. As an elementary licensed grades one through eight teacher with a special education endorsement in emotional disturbance, the teacher would be qualified to:
    - (1) Teach in an elementary classroom;
    - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with emotional disturbance;
    - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with emotional disturbance who are alternately assessed; or
    - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with emotional disturbance.
  - f. As a middle level licensed grades five through eight teacher in English, science, mathematics, or social studies with a special education endorsement in emotional disturbance, the teacher would be qualified to:
    - (1) Teach in a middle level classroom in the specific area of licensure;

- (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle level students with emotional disturbance in the specific area of licensure;
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to elementary, middle, or high school students with emotional disturbance who are alternately assessed; or
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with emotional disturbance.
- g. As a secondary licensed grades five through twelve in the subjects of English and language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies with a special education endorsement in emotional disturbance, the teacher would be qualified to:
- (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure;
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to secondary level students with emotional disturbance in the specific area of licensure;
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle or high school students with emotional disturbance who are alternately assessed; or
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with emotional disturbance.
3. **Intellectually disabled special education endorsement.** The applicant wishing to apply for the intellectually disabled special education endorsement must:
- a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - b. Complete a minimum of twenty semester hours at the undergraduate or graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to intellectual disabilities must also be completed, including characteristics and introduction of intellectual disabilities, methods and materials of intellectual disabilities, transition, mental hygiene or psychology of adjustment or personality theory or abnormal psychology, and corrective reading. A two semester hour practicum or internship in intellectual disabilities must also be completed. Secondary prepared teachers must also complete methods in elementary reading and elementary mathematics.
  - c. A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the intellectual disabilities special education endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach intellectual disabilities special education. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the intellectual disabilities regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the education standards and practices board upon becoming employed as an intellectual disabilities special education teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
  - d. Elementary licensed grades one through eight teacher with a special education endorsement in intellectual disabilities, the teacher would be qualified to:

- (1) Teach in an elementary classroom.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with intellectual disabilities.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with intellectual disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities.
- e. Middle level licensed grades five through eight in English, science, mathematics, or social studies with a special education endorsement in intellectual disabilities, the teacher would be qualified to:
- (1) Teach in a middle level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle level students with intellectual disabilities in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle school or high school students with intellectual disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities.
- f. Secondary licensed grades five through twelve or grades nine through twelve in one of the subjects of English or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies with a special education endorsement in intellectual disabilities, the teacher would be qualified to:
- (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to secondary level students with intellectual disabilities in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle school or high school students with intellectual disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities.
4. **Specific learning disabilities special education endorsement.** The applicant wishing to apply for the learning disabilities special education endorsement must:
- a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - b. Complete a minimum of twenty-four semester hours primarily at the graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to specific learning disabilities must also be completed, including characteristics and introduction of specific learning disabilities, methods and materials of specific learning disabilities, transition, inclusive settings, corrective reading methods, and assistive technology. A two semester hour practicum or internship in specific learning disabilities must also be completed. Secondary prepared teachers must also complete methods in elementary reading and elementary mathematics.
  - c. Have completed coursework in reading methods and mathematics methods, if prepared as a secondary teacher.

- d. A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the specific learning disabilities special education endorsement may be requested by a letter from the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach specific learning disabilities special education. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the specific learning disabilities regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as a specific learning disabilities special education teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
- e. Elementary licensed grades one through eight teacher with a special education endorsement in specific learning disabilities, the teacher would be qualified to:
  - (1) Teach in an elementary classroom.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with specific learning disabilities.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with specific learning disabilities.
- f. Middle level licensed grades five through eight teacher in English, science, mathematics, or social studies with a special education endorsement in specific learning disabilities, the teacher would be qualified to:
  - (1) Teach in a middle level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle level students with specific learning disabilities in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to elementary, middle, or high school students with specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult kindergarten through grade twelve students with specific learning disabilities.
- g. Secondary licensed grades five through twelve in subjects of English or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies with a special education endorsement in specific learning disabilities:
  - (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to secondary level students with specific learning disabilities in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle or high school students with specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.

- (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with specific learning disabilities.
5. **Special education strategist endorsement.** The applicant wishing to apply for the special education strategist endorsement must:
- a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - b. Complete a minimum of thirty semester hours primarily at the graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to special education strategist must also be completed, including characteristics and introduction of specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and emotional disturbance; methods and materials of intellectual disabilities, specific learning disabilities, and emotional disturbance; transition, inclusive settings, corrective reading methods, and assistive technology. Separate practicum or internship in each of specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and emotional disturbance must also be completed. Secondary prepared teachers must also complete methods in elementary reading and elementary mathematics.
  - c. Have completed coursework in reading methods and mathematics methods, if prepared as a secondary teacher.
  - d. A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the special education strategist endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the education strategist regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as a special education strategist teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
  - e. Elementary licensed grades one through eight teacher with a special education strategist endorsement in intellectual disabilities, specific learning disabilities, and emotional disturbance:
    - (1) Teach in an elementary classroom.
    - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.
    - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.
    - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.
  - f. Middle level licensed grades five through eight teacher with a special education strategist endorsement in intellectual disabilities, specific learning disabilities, and emotional disturbance:

- (1) Teach in an elementary or a middle level classroom.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary or middle level students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to elementary, middle, or high school students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.
- g. Secondary licensed grades five through twelve in subjects of English or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies with a special education strategist endorsement in intellectual disabilities, specific learning disabilities, and emotional disturbance:
- (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle or high school students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities.

**6. Gifted and talented endorsement.**

- a. The applicant wishing to apply for the gifted and talented endorsement must:
- (1) Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - (2) Complete a minimum of seventeen semester hours at the graduate level in the following coursework: children with exceptional learning needs, assessment, consultation and collaboration, characteristics and introduction of education of gifted students, methods and materials of gifted education, and two semester hours in gifted education practicum or internship.
  - (3) A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the gifted and talented endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the gifted and talented endorsement regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as a special education gifted and talented teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
- b. Elementary, middle, or secondary prepared teacher with an endorsement in gifted and talented education:

- (1) Teach in the specific area of licensure.
- (2) Consult in gifted and talented programs prekindergarten through grade twelve.

**7. Visually impaired special education endorsement.**

- a. The applicant wishing to apply for the visually impaired special education endorsement must:
  - (1) Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - (2) Complete a minimum of twenty-two semester hours at the undergraduate or graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to visual impairment disabilities must also be completed, including characteristics and introduction of visual impairment disabilities, methods and materials of visual impairment disabilities, assessment of students with visual impairment, orientation and mobility, communication and media with students with visual impairment, and Braille instruction. A two semester hour practicum or internship must also be completed.
  - (3) A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the visually impaired endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the visual impairment endorsement regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the board upon becoming employed as a special education teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.
- b. Elementary licensed with a double major in elementary education and visually impaired or elementary licensed grades one through eight or grades one through six teacher with a special education endorsement in visually impaired:
  - (1) Teach in an elementary classroom.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with visual impairment.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with visual impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with visual impairment.
- c. Middle level licensed grades five through eight in English, science, mathematics, or social studies teacher with a special education endorsement in visually impaired:
  - (1) Teach in a middle level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle level students with visual impairment in the specific area of licensure.

- (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to elementary, middle, or high school students with visual impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult kindergarten through grade twelve students with visual impairment.
- d. Secondary licensed grades five through twelve in core subjects of English or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies with a special education endorsement in visually impaired:
- (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to secondary level students with visual impairment in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle or high school students with visual impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with visual impairment.

**8. Hearing-impaired (including deafness) special education endorsement.**

- a. The applicant wishing to apply for the hearing-impaired (including deafness) special education endorsement must:
- (1) Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional regular license in special education or early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary education.
  - (2) Complete a minimum of twenty-eight semester hours at the undergraduate or graduate level in the following core coursework: exceptional children and youth, assessment of students with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, legal aspects of special education, and consultation and collaboration. Coursework specific to deaf or hard of hearing must also be completed, including assessment of students with deaf and hard of hearing, transition, methods of teaching speech to deaf and hard of hearing children, methods of teaching language to deaf and hard of hearing children, methods of teaching reading and academic subject to deaf and hard of hearing children, characteristics of students with deaf and hard of hearing, audiology and oral rehabilitation, sign language. A two semester hour practicum or internship with children from birth to twenty-one must be completed.
  - (3) The hearing-impaired (including deafness) special education endorsement may be attached to a regular education license.
  - (4) A plan on file (formerly tutor in training) for the deaf or hard of hearing endorsement may be requested by the administrator and must be completed within three years of assignment to teach. The plan on file request must include a letter requesting the endorsement from the administrator, identification of the special education mentor, transcribed documentation of three semester hours of completed coursework in special education, and documentation of enrollment in an institution of higher education in two additional courses specific to the deaf and hard of hearing endorsement regardless of how many hours already transcribed in special education. A letter to request an extension of the plan on file must be received each year from the school administrator. Transcript review will be done yearly to document progress toward completion of the plan. The applicant shall file a plan with the education standards and practices board upon becoming employed as a special education deaf or hard of hearing teacher, outlining how the endorsement will be completed within the three-year period.

- b. Elementary licensed with a double major in elementary education and hearing-impaired or elementary licensed grades one through eight teacher with a special education endorsement in hearing-impaired:
  - (1) Teach in an elementary classroom.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to all elementary students with hearing impairment.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle or high school students with hearing impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with hearing impairment.
- c. Middle level licensed grades five through eight in English, science, mathematics, or social studies teacher with a special education endorsement in hearing-impaired:
  - (1) Teach in a middle level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to middle level students with hearing impairment in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction to elementary, middle, or high school students with hearing impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with hearing impairment.
- d. Secondary licensed grades five through twelve in the subjects of English or language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies teacher with a special education endorsement in hearing-impaired:
  - (1) Teach in a secondary level classroom in the specific area of licensure.
  - (2) Teach or provide direct instruction to secondary level students with hearing impairment in the specific area of licensure.
  - (3) Teach or provide direct instruction in the specific area of licensure to middle or high school students with hearing impairment who are alternately assessed.
  - (4) Consult prekindergarten through grade twelve students with hearing impairment.

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### **67.1-02-03-13. Out-of-field endorsements.**

Out-of-field endorsements will allow a fully licensed North Dakota teacher to teach in an out-of-field area, excluding special education, driver's education, and prekindergarten, for a period of up to two years.

1. Consideration for out-of-field license endorsements will be determined each year when the board declares the shortage areas.
2. An out-of-field endorsement may be issued to those individuals with a regular teaching license.
3. Individuals may have up to two years for the out-of-field endorsement.

4. Individuals need an administrator request in writing each year.
5. The state mandated test must be completed to make the endorsement permanent.
6. The cost of the endorsement is eighty dollars.

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