

CHAPTER 67-11-25
CREDENTIALS FOR SPECIALISTS TRAINED IN DYSLEXIA

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67-11-25-01. Issuing agency.

The North Dakota credential for specialists trained in dyslexia is issued by the:

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Department of Public Instruction
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 201
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

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67-11-25-02. Pathways to support.

A school district or nonpublic school may choose to employ an individual that holds the credential for specialists trained in dyslexia according to the rules of this chapter to work in schools with children with dyslexia.

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67-11-25-03. Definitions.

A "specialist trained in dyslexia" is an individual with the coursework and competencies listed in section 67-11-25-04.

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67-11-25-04. Requirements for specialist trained in dyslexia credential.

1. To obtain a credential for a specialist trained in dyslexia to teach students in a school setting, an educator must hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board.
2. The individual must have completed the required coursework from a state-approved institution of higher education. This coursework must include:
 - a. Introduction to dyslexia;
 - b. Assessment for students with dyslexia;
 - c. Interventions for students with dyslexia; and

- d. A minimum of three semester hours of practicum experience related to dyslexia assessment and interventions.
3. An individual is exempted from subsection 2 if the individual has completed certification approved by the international dyslexia association or the center for effective reading instruction. The certification must include a practicum experience of a minimum of three credits or forty-five clock-hours and be equivalent to that required in subsection 2.

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67-11-25-05. Application process.

The application process to obtain a credential under this chapter must consist of:

1. The completion of an online application; and
2. The submission of official transcripts and other documentation as needed.

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67-11-25-06. Credential renewal.

A credential issued under this chapter is valid only while the credentialed individual holds a valid North Dakota educator's professional license. An applicant for renewal of a credential issued under this chapter shall:

1. Renew the credential before the expiration of the applicant's license, or every five years if the applicant has a lifetime license or certification.
2. Complete continuing education requirements towards renewal of the credential as follows:
 - a. The applicant shall complete two semester hours of credit before the expiration date of the applicant's credential, unless the individual's license will expire as described in subdivision b or c.
 - b. An applicant who holds a two-year educator's professional license shall complete one semester hour of credit before the expiration date of the applicant's credential.
 - c. If the applicant's teaching license expires within twenty-four months of the issuance of a first-time credential issued under this chapter, then no additional credit hours are required.
 - d. Credits earned to fulfill the requirements of subdivisions a or b must be related to language-based reading disorders or dyslexia.

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67-11-25-07. Reconsideration.

If an application for a credential for specialists trained in dyslexia is denied, the applicant must be notified of the opportunity for reconsideration. Upon receipt of a written denial, the applicant may request a reconsideration of the denial. A request for reconsideration must be in writing and must be

received by the superintendent of public instruction within twenty-one days of the date the denial was mailed to the applicant by the superintendent of public instruction. Untimely requests may not be considered. The request for reconsideration must discuss:

1. The fact, law, or rule the applicant believes was erroneously interpreted or applied; and
2. The applicant's arguments on how the fact, law, or rule should have been applied, giving specific reasons and a thorough analysis.

The superintendent of public instruction shall issue a final written response on the reconsideration request within twenty-one days after receiving a complete and timely reconsideration request. If the superintendent's written response denies the reconsideration request, the superintendent's written response must notify the applicant of the applicant's right to a hearing conducted pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32. The applicant shall request the hearing within thirty days after receiving the superintendent's written response to the reconsideration request.

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