

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 391.019.

Section 1. NAC 391.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.180 1. The department will issue ~~[the following kinds of endorsements as school counselors to qualified applicants:~~

~~—(a) Endorsements as elementary counselors; and~~

~~—(b) Endorsements as secondary counselors.~~

~~—2.— The determination of whether an applicant will be issued an endorsement as an elementary counselor or a secondary counselor or both endorsements will be based upon the grade level of the supervised practicum which he has completed.~~

~~—3.—] *an endorsement as a school counselor to provide counseling to pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 to qualified applicants.*~~

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.187, a person must hold an endorsement as a *school* counselor before counseling pupils.

~~[4.— The holder of such an endorsement may counsel only pupils in the grades specified or indicated in his endorsement.]~~

Sec. 2. NAC 391.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.185 ~~[1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to]~~ **To** qualify for an endorsement to serve as ~~[an elementary or secondary]~~ **a** school counselor, a person must ~~[-~~

~~—(a) Hold:~~

~~——(1) A] hold a~~ master’s of education ~~[-]~~ **in school counseling**, master’s of art ~~[-]~~ **in school counseling**, master’s of science **with a major in school counseling** or a more advanced degree ~~[in counseling or a field relating to counseling]~~ **with a major in school counseling. The degree required by this section must be** conferred by ~~[an]~~ **a regionally** accredited college or university .

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~~——(2) A certification issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors; and~~

~~—(b) Have completed a program in school guidance and counseling which conferred upon him~~

~~at least 36 graduate credits and included courses in each of the following areas of study:~~

~~——(1) The process of individual counseling;~~

~~——(2) The process of group counseling;~~

~~——(3) Individual and group assessment;~~

~~——(4) The structuring and management of comprehensive programs for guidance and counseling;~~

~~——(5) Developmental group guidance;~~

~~——(6) Child and family guidance;~~

~~——(7) Counseling on the abuse of controlled substances;~~

~~——(8) Developing careers and choosing occupations;~~

~~——(9) A practicum, provided at the appropriate grade level in the setting of a school, for individual counseling; and~~

~~——(10) Any two of the following:~~

~~————(I) Crisis intervention.~~

~~————(II) Exceptional children.~~

~~————(III) Counseling persons from different cultures.~~

~~————(IV) Advanced human growth and development.~~

~~————(V) Educational research.~~

~~—2. If his master’s or advanced degree is in a field relating to counseling, the person must also have 2 years of teaching or school counseling experience to qualify for the endorsement.]~~

Sec. 3. NAC 391.187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.187 1. The superintendent of public instruction may authorize a person who has not received an endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185 to serve as a school counselor in a school district ~~[whose enrollment is less than 4,000 pupils.]~~ *or charter school if the school district or charter school demonstrates that a person with an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.185 is not available for employment.* To receive ~~[such an authorization, the]~~ *an authorization pursuant to this subsection, a* person must:

(a) Hold a current ~~[elementary, secondary or special license,]~~ *license issued by the superintendent of public instruction,* excluding a business and industry endorsement;

(b) ~~[Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in the school district where he will serve, pursuant to this section, as a school counselor without endorsement;~~

~~—(c)]~~ *Hold a master’s degree in a field related to school counseling or an advanced degree in a field related to school counseling;*

(c) *Have completed at least:*

(1) Two years of teaching experience at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12;

(2) Two years of school counseling experience at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; or

(3) A practicum, internship or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12 in addition to the practicum, internship or field experience that is completed pursuant to paragraph (e);

~~(d) Be admitted into a regionally accredited graduate-level program in school counseling **[and** annually submit a transcript of completed course work to the superintendent of public instruction as evidence of progress toward the qualifications required for an endorsement as a school counselor; and~~

~~—(d)—~~;

(e) Complete at least 280 hours of an initial practicum, internship or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; and

(f) Have completed at least ~~[18]~~ 24 graduate credits in the following areas of study:

(1) The process of individual counseling;

(2) The process of group counseling;

(3) ~~Individual and group assessment;~~

~~—(4) The structuring and management of comprehensive programs for guidance and counseling;~~

~~—(5) Developmental group guidance;~~

~~—(6) Child and family guidance;~~

~~—(7) Counseling on the abuse of controlled substances;~~

~~—(8)]~~ *Testing and educational assessments, as applicable to a school setting at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12;*

(4) Legal and ethical issues in counseling;

(5) Developing careers and choosing occupations;

~~[(9) A practicum, provided at the appropriate grade level in the setting of a school, for individual counseling;~~

~~—(10) Crisis intervention;~~

~~—(11) Exceptional children;~~

~~—(12) Counseling persons from different cultures;~~

~~—(13) Advanced human growth and development; and~~

~~—(14) Educational research.~~

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~~Not more than a total of 3 of the required 18 credits may be from the subjects listed in subparagraphs (10) to (14), inclusive.]~~

(6) Organization and administration of school counseling programs;

(7) Multicultural counseling;

(8) Child and family counseling, as applicable to a school setting at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; and

(9) One of the following:

(I) The use of technology in education.

(II) Exceptional children.

(III) Human growth and development.

(IV) Substance abuse counseling.

2. The superintendent shall not authorize a person to serve as a school counselor pursuant to subsection 1 for more than ~~[5]~~ 3 years. Such an authorization may be issued only once per person.