

Language Credentialing

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Alternative Authorization- Content Specialist (ID)

Description

Content Specialist - This authorization is to allow an Idaho school district/charter to hire a candidate who does NOT hold a valid Idaho credential to serve in an assignment that requires certification/endorsement. The district must show that the candidate is uniquely qualified to serve in the assignment while the candidate works toward obtaining the applicable certificate/endorsement.

Certificate Valid for 1 Year

Employment: Required

Reciprocity

The following states may accept this route:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

State Information

State: Idaho

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For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/alt-auth.html>

Minimum Academic Background

In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.

The following is required for this route:

Completed BA Degree

Prior Certification: Must NOT have Current (STATE) Certification

Notes

As of 2016, No Basic Skills Exams Required

Teacher Preparation

In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.

The following is required for this route:

State Approved Teacher Education Program

Exam(s):

- [Praxis II World Language Pedagogy](#)

Content Language and English Language Proficiency

In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

Content Language Proficiency:

Exam(s): Exams are language specific.

- [ACTFL OPI](#)
French, German, Spanish, Japanese
- [Praxis II \(French, German, Spanish\)](#)

Additional Requirements for this route include the following:

Reading:

Course needed: Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course

Technology:

Contingent upon Transcript Evaluation

Notes:

State may review transcripts to determine content language proficiency. Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course is an additional requirement of all out of state or alternative program applicants. Applicants for the Content Specialist certificate will have up to 3 years to complete an approved Teacher Education Program. Applicant must complete a 6-8 week accelerated pedagogy course BEFORE entering the classroom. A passing grade on the Praxis or an Advanced level as defined by the ACTFL is required.

Applying to the State

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

Application Submission: School District

School District Requirements:

Verification of Employment

Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required

Copy of International Records: Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL: http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=idaho

Background Check

Required

Renewal: Nonrenewable

Alternative authorization may be renewed for two (2) additional years with evidence of satisfactory progress toward completion of an approved alternative route preparation program. Please see <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/renewal.html>

Notes:

Application: Form B1-A Application for an Alternative Authorization/Route to Certification) Form Mailing Address: State Department of Education Teacher Certification P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0027 District request for approval of an Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist form indicating the district is willing to hire the individual for an identified area of need while the candidate is completing the certification requirements. Applicants must send complete packet including fingerprint card, transcripts, \$100.00 application fee and \$40.00 background check fee. To obtain a fingerprint card email Brenda Arnold at fingerprintrequest@sde.idaho.gov with mailing address. Once applicant receives the fingerprint card, he/she must take it to a local police department or sheriff's office to have prints rolled on the card. Applicants then return the fingerprint card, \$40 fee, and forms with the Idaho teacher application packet. Teacher must agree to terms of certification.

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS ROUTE

It is the district's responsibility to ensure adequate progress is being made toward certification. It is the applicant's responsibility to work with and enroll in a college/university TEP. The participating college/university is responsible for developing a written plan toward Idaho certification using prior college coursework, real life/work experiences, and analysis of an individual's knowledge and disposition to determine what is necessary for the candidate to complete the Alternative Authorization-Content Specialist program. This preparation must include mentoring and a minimum of one (1) classroom observation per month until certified. The observations can be conducted by either college/university personnel, the principal of the building (or his/her designee), and/or by a mentor teacher. The state approved reading instruction course is required for all Idaho teachers. The ICLE is offered through the College of Education at Idaho universities; please contact the College of Education at an Idaho university to find out details on the test and when it is offered.