

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-16-003, filed 7/23/08, effective 8/23/08)

**WAC 181-79A-206 Academic and experience requirements for certification--Teachers.** Candidates for teachers' certificates shall complete the following requirements in addition to those set forth in WAC 181-79A-150.

(1) Initial/residency.

Candidates for the initial or residency certificate shall hold an approved baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university pursuant to WAC 181-79A-030(5).

(2) Continuing.

(a) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate shall have at least forty-five quarter hours (thirty semester hours) of upper division and/or graduate work completed from a regionally accredited institution of higher education subsequent to the conferral of the baccalaureate degree: Provided, That if the individual is pursuing study in a new subject matter area or specialization, lower division (freshmen or sophomore level) credit hours in that subject area or specialization shall be accepted toward continuing certification upon completion of the requirements for an endorsement in that subject area or specialization.

(b) Candidates applying for a continuing certificate prior to September 1, 2000, shall have been granted at least two subject area endorsements.

(c) Candidates who apply for a continuing certificate who have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

(d) Candidates for continuing teachers' certificates shall provide documentation of one hundred eighty days or full-time equivalent or more satisfactory teaching experience with an authorized employer--i.e., school district, state agency, college or university, private school, or private school system--and at least thirty days of such employment with the same employer.

(3) Professional.

(a) Candidates for the professional certificate shall have successfully completed a professional educator standards board-approved, professional certificate program, pursuant to WAC 181-78A-500 through 181-78A-540: Provided, That an individual who holds a teaching certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) shall be deemed to have met the requirement for completion of a professional certificate program, in recognition that NBPTS certification is issued only to individuals who have demonstrated highly advanced skills as a teacher.

(b) Candidates who apply for a professional certificate who

have not successfully completed course work or an in-service program on issues of abuse, must complete the abuse course work requirement as defined in WAC 181-79A-030(6).

(c) Teacher professional certificate portfolio evidence of assessment pilot participants who have not attended a program but received a "met criteria" on all entries submitted to the pilot assessment would receive the professional certificate and not be required to attend a program.

(d) Prior to January 1, 2010, candidates pursuing the professional certificate will submit a portfolio to the professional educator standards board approved professional certificate program.

~~((d))~~ (e) Between January 1, 2010, and September 1, 2011, candidates pursuing the professional certificate will have two options:

(i) Submit a portfolio for evaluation to the college or university professional certificate program. The college or university has until December 31, 2011, to verify completion.

(ii) Submit a portfolio for evaluation to the uniform and external portfolio of evidence assessment as administered by the professional educator standards board.

~~((e))~~ (f) After September 1, 2011, candidates pursuing the professional certificate must submit a portfolio for evaluation to the uniform and external portfolio of evidence assessment as administered by the professional educator standards board.