

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 20, “Renewals,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments will allow both teachers and administrators to utilize the successful completion of an individualized professional development plan for one licensure renewal unit. Iowa Code section 272.9A(2) directs the Board to adopt such rules for administrators, and the Board has proposed to adopt the same language for teachers. The proposed amendments will also allow a teacher to utilize the renewal of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification toward the subsequent renewal of either the standard or master educator license.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments before 4 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa; or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov; or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

These amendments are subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 272.2(1)“a” and 272.9A(2).

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 282—20.5(272) as follows:

282—20.5(272) Specific renewal requirements for the standard license.

20.5(1) In addition to the provisions set forth in this rule, an applicant must meet the general requirements set forth under rule 282—20.3(272).

20.5(2) Six units are needed for renewal. These units may be earned in any combination listed as follows:

a. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which leads toward the completion of a planned master’s, specialist’s, or doctor’s degree program.

b. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate or undergraduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which adds greater depth/breadth to present endorsements held.

c. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which leads to completion of requirements for an endorsement not currently held.

d. One unit may be earned upon completion of each licensure renewal course or activity approved through guidelines established by the board of educational examiners.

e. Four units may be earned for successful completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. This certification may be used one time for either the standard or master educator license. Four units may also be earned for each National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification renewal and may be used toward the subsequent renewal of either the standard or master educator license.

f. One unit may be earned upon the successful completion of an individualized professional development plan as verified by the supervising licensed evaluator.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 282—20.6(272) as follows:

282—20.6(272) Specific renewal requirements for a master educator license.

20.6(1) In addition to the provisions set forth in this rule, an applicant must meet the general requirements set forth under rule 282—20.3(272).

20.6(2) Four units are needed for renewal. These units may be earned in any combination listed below:

a. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which leads toward the completion of a planned master's, specialist's, or doctor's degree program.

b. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate or undergraduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which adds greater depth/breadth to present endorsements held.

c. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which leads to completion of requirements for an endorsement not currently held.

d. One unit may be earned upon completion of each licensure renewal course or activity approved through guidelines established by the board of educational examiners.

e. Four units may be earned upon successful completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. This certification may be used one time for either the standard or master educator license. Four units may also be earned for each National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification renewal and may be used toward the subsequent renewal of either the standard or master educator license.

f. One unit may be earned upon the successful completion of an individualized professional development plan as verified by the supervising licensed evaluator.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 282—20.9(272) as follows:

282—20.9(272) Specific renewal requirements for an administrator license.

20.9(1) In addition to the provisions set forth in this rule, an applicant must meet the general requirements set forth under rule 282—20.3(272).

20.9(2) Four units are needed for renewal. These units may be earned in any combination listed below.

a. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which leads toward the completion of a planned specialist's or doctor's degree program.

b. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of graduate or undergraduate credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which adds greater depth/breadth to present endorsements held.

c. One unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit, completed from a regionally accredited institution, which may not lead to a degree but which leads to completion of requirements for an administrator endorsement not currently held.

d. One unit may be earned upon completion of each licensure renewal course or activity approved through guidelines established by the board of educational examiners.

e. One unit may be earned upon the successful completion of an individualized professional development plan as verified by the supervising licensed evaluator, or in the case of a superintendent, as verified by the school board president.

20.9(3) No change.