

**261B.3A Requirements — provisional registration.**

1. In order to register, a school shall be accredited by an agency or organization approved or recognized by the United States department of education or a successor agency, be approved by any other state agency authorized to approve the school in this state, and, subsequently, be approved for operation by the commission.

2. A practitioner preparation program, as defined in [section 272.1](#), operated by a school that applies to register the program in accordance with [this chapter](#) shall, in order to register, be accredited by an agency or organization approved or recognized by the United States department of education or a successor agency, be approved by the state board of education pursuant to [section 256.7, subsection 3](#), and, subsequently, be approved for operation by the commission.

3. The commission may grant a provisional registration to a school that is not accredited by an agency or organization that is recognized by the United States department of education or its successor agency. The commission shall determine the duration of the provisional registration. During the provisional registration period, the school shall, at six-month intervals, submit to the commission documentation of its progress toward achieving accreditation. The commission may renew the school's provisional registration at its discretion if the documentation submitted indicates that the school is making progress toward accreditation.

4. Nothing in [this chapter](#) shall be construed to exempt a school from the requirements of [chapter 490, 491, or 714](#).

[96 Acts, ch 1158, §8; 97 Acts, ch 13, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1095, §17; 2004 Acts, ch 1145, §6; 2009 Acts, ch 12, §6; 2012 Acts, ch 1077, §3](#)

Referred to in [§261.2](#)