

282—22.5(256) Content specialist authorization.**22.5(1)** *Requirements for the initial content specialist authorization.*

- a. The applicant will have completed a master's degree or higher in an endorsement area.
- b. The applicant will provide a recommendation from a school administrator verifying that the school wishes to hire the applicant. Before the applicant is hired, the school administrator will verify that a diligent search was completed to hire a fully licensed teacher for the position.
- c. During the term of the initial authorization, the applicant will complete board-approved training in the following:
 - (1) Methods of teaching in the endorsement content area or areas.
 - (2) Coursework in human relations.
 - (3) Coursework in the instruction of exceptional learners to include the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.
 - (4) Ethics training.
- d. The applicant will be assigned a mentor by the hiring school district.

22.5(2) *Validity—initial authorization.* The initial authorization is valid for three years.

22.5(3) *Requirements for the content specialist authorization.* The initial content specialist authorization may be converted to the content specialist authorization if the applicant has completed the required coursework set forth in paragraph 22.5(1) "c."

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