

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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