

282—14.129(272) Requirements for a teacher intern license.

14.129(1) Authorization. The teacher intern is authorized to teach in grades 7 to 12.

14.129(2) The term of the teacher intern license will be one year from the date of issuance. The fee for the teacher intern license is \$125. This license is nonrenewable.

14.129(3) A teacher intern license shall be issued upon application provided that the following requirements have been met. The applicant shall:

a. Hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution.

b. Meet the requirements of at least one of the board's secondary (7-12) teaching endorsements listed in 14.141(272).

c. Possess a minimum of three years of postbaccalaureate work experience. An authorized official at a college or university with an approved teacher intern program will evaluate this experience.

d. Successfully complete the teacher intern program requirements listed in subrule 14.129(5) and approved by the state board of education.

e. Successfully pass a basic skills test at the level approved by the teacher education institution.

14.129(4) Local school district requirements. The local school district shall:

a. Provide an offer of employment to an individual who has been evaluated by a college or university for eligibility or acceptance in the teacher intern program.

b. Participate in a mentoring and induction program.

c. Provide a district mentor for the teacher intern.

d. Provide other support and supervision, as needed, to maximize the opportunity for the teacher intern to succeed.

e. Not overload the teacher intern with extracurricular duties not directly related to the teacher intern's teaching assignment.

f. Provide evidence to the board from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern is participating in a mentoring and induction program.

g. At the board's request, provide information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.

14.129(5) Program requirements. The teacher intern shall:

a. Complete the following requirements prior to the internship year:

(1) Learning environment/classroom management. The intern uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

(2) Instructional planning. The intern plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, curriculum goals, and state curriculum models.

(3) Instructional strategies. The intern understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

(4) Student learning. The intern understands how students learn and develop and provides learning opportunities that support intellectual, career, social, and personal development.

(5) Diverse learners. The intern understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are equitable and are adaptable to diverse learners.

(6) Collaboration, ethics and relationships. The intern fosters relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development.

(7) Assessment. The intern understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

(8) Field experiences that provide opportunities for interaction with students in an environment that supports learning in context. These experiences shall total at least 50 contact hours in the field prior to the beginning of the academic year of the candidate's initial employment as a teacher intern.

b. Complete four semester hours of a teacher intern seminar during the teacher internship year to include support and extension of coursework from the teacher intern program.

c. Complete the coursework and competencies in the following areas:

(1) Foundations, reflection, and professional development. The intern continually evaluates the effects of the practitioner's choices and actions on students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community and actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

(2) Communication. The intern uses knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques, and other forms of symbolic representation, to foster active inquiry and collaboration and to support interaction in the classroom.

(3) Exceptional learner program, which must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

(4) Preparation in the integration of reading strategies into the content area.

(5) Computer technology related to instruction.

(6) An advanced study of the items set forth in 14.129(5) "a"(1) to (7) above.

14.129(6) Requirements to convert the teacher intern license to the initial license. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met all of the following requirements:

a. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education.

b. Verification from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern served successfully for a minimum of 160 days.

c. Verification from a licensed evaluator that the teacher intern is participating in a mentoring and induction program and is being assessed on the Iowa teaching standards.

d. Recommendation by a college or university offering an approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

e. At the board's request, the teacher intern shall provide to the board information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.

The teacher intern year will count as one of the years that is needed for the teacher intern to convert the initial license to the standard license if the above conditions have been met.

14.129(7) Requirements to obtain the initial license if the teacher intern does not complete the internship year. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met all of the following requirements:

a. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education.

b. Verification by a college or university that the teacher intern successfully completed the college's or university's state-approved student teaching requirements.

c. Recommendation by a college or university offering an approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

d. At the board's request, the teacher intern shall provide to the board information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.