

**282—15.8(272) Supervisor of special education—instructional.**

**15.8(1) Authorization.** The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a supervisor of special education instructional programs. Two endorsements are available within this category:

*a.* The early childhood—special education supervisor endorsement allows the individual to provide services to programs with pupils below the age of 7.

*b.* The supervisor of special education—instructional endorsement (K-12) allows the individual to provide services to programs with pupils from 5 to 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

**15.8(2) Program requirements.**

*a.* An applicant must hold a master's degree.

(1) Option 1: Master's in special education in an endorsement area listed under rule 15.2(272).

(2) Option 2: Master's in another area of education plus 30 graduate semester hours in special education (instructional). These hours may have been part of, or in addition to, the degree requirements.

*b.* An applicant must meet the requirements for or hold the consultant endorsement.

*c.* Content. The program shall include a minimum of 16 graduate semester hours to specifically include the following:

(1) Coursework requirements specified for special education consultant. Refer to rule 15.4(272).

(2) Current issues in special education administration.

(3) School personnel administration.

(4) Program evaluation.

(5) Educational leadership.

(6) Administration and supervision of special education.

(7) Practicum: special education administration. NOTE: This requirement may be waived based on two years of experience as a special education administrator.

(8) Evaluator approval component.

**15.8(3) Other:**

*a.* An applicant must have two years of consultant/supervisor/coordinator/head teacher or equivalent experience in special education.

*b.* The supervisor for early childhood—special education would need to meet the requirements for that endorsement. The K-12 supervisor would need to meet the requirements for one special education teaching endorsement to include instructional grade levels K-8 and 5-12.