

282—13.5(272) Teacher licenses. A license may be issued to an applicant who fulfills the general requirements set out in subrule 13.5(1) and the specific requirements set out for each license.

13.5(1) General requirements. The applicant shall:

- a. Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Have completed a state-approved teacher education program.
- c. Have completed the teacher preparation coursework set forth in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5).
- d. Have completed student teaching in the subject area and grade level endorsement desired.
- e. Have completed the requirements for one of the basic teaching endorsements.
- f. Provide a recommendation for the specific license and endorsement(s) from the designated recommending official at the recognized institution where the preparation was completed.

13.5(2) Applicants from non-Iowa institutions.

a. Definitions.

“*Nontraditional*” means any method of teacher preparation that falls outside the traditional method of preparing teachers, that provides at least a one- or two-year sequenced program of instruction taught at regionally accredited and state-approved colleges or universities, that includes commonly recognized pedagogy classes being taught for course credit, and that requires a student teaching component.

“*Proficiency*,” for the purposes of paragraph 13.5(2) “e,” means that an applicant has passed all parts of the standard.

“*Recognized non-Iowa teacher preparation institution*” means an institution that is state-approved and is accredited by the regional accrediting agency for the territory in which the institution is located.

b. In addition to the requirements set forth in subrule 13.5(1), an applicant from a non-Iowa institution:

(1) Shall submit a copy of a valid or expired regular teaching certificate or license exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate.

(2) Shall provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education if the teacher preparation program was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and the applicant has verified fewer than three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience. If the teacher preparation program was completed prior to January 1, 2013, or if the applicant has verified three years of valid out-of-state teaching experience, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the mandated assessment(s) in the state in which the applicant is currently licensed (or verify highly qualified status) or must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education.

(3) Shall provide an official institutional transcript(s) to be analyzed for the requirements necessary for Iowa licensure. An applicant must have completed at least 75 percent of the coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5) and an endorsement requirement through a two- or four-year institution in order for the endorsement to be included on the license. An applicant who has not completed at least 75 percent of the coursework for at least one of the basic Iowa teaching endorsements completed will not be issued a license. An applicant seeking a board of educational examiners transcript review must have achieved a C- grade or higher in the courses that will be considered for licensure. An applicant who has met the minimum coursework requirements in this subrule will not be subject to additional coursework deficiency requirements if the applicant provides verification of ten years of successful teaching experience or if the applicant provides verification of five years of successful experience and a master’s degree.

(4) Shall demonstrate recency of experience by providing verification of either one year of teaching experience or six semester hours of college credit during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application.

(5) Shall not be subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in any state or country.

(6) Shall comply with all requirements with regard to application processes and payment of licensure fees.

c. If through a transcript analysis, the teacher preparation coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5) or one of the basic teaching endorsement requirements for Iowa is not met, the applicant may be eligible for the equivalent Iowa endorsement areas, as designated by the Iowa board of educational examiners, based on current and valid National Board Certification.

d. If the teacher preparation program was considered nontraditional, candidates will be asked to verify the following:

- (1) That the program was for secondary education;
- (2) A cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution; and
- (3) The completion of a student teaching or internship experience or three years of teaching experience.

e. If the teacher preparation coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5) cannot be reviewed through a traditional transcript evaluation, a portfolio review and evaluation process may be utilized.

(1) An applicant must demonstrate proficiency in a minimum of at least 75 percent of the teacher preparation coursework as outlined in 281—subrules 79.15(2) to 79.15(5).

(2) An applicant must meet with the board of educational examiners to answer any of the board's questions concerning the portfolio.

f. An applicant under this subrule or subrule 13.5(3) shall be granted an Iowa teaching license and will not be subject to additional assessments or coursework deficiencies if the following additional requirements have been met:

(1) Verification of Iowa residency, or, for military spouses, verification of a permanent change of military installation.

(2) Valid or expired regular teaching certificate or license in good standing from another state without pending disciplinary action, valid for a minimum of one year, exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate. Endorsements shall be granted based on comparable Iowa endorsements, and endorsement requirements may be waived in order to grant the most comparable endorsement.

(3) Passing test scores for the required assessments for the state where the teaching license was issued.

g. Holders of an Iowa regional exchange license issued prior to January 1, 2021, may submit a new application if the requirements in this subrule would have been met at the time of their initial application.

13.5(3) Applicants from foreign institutions. An applicant for initial licensure whose preparation was completed in a foreign institution must additionally obtain a course-by-course credential evaluation report completed by one of the board-approved credential evaluation services and then file this report with the Iowa board of educational examiners for a determination of eligibility for licensure. After receiving the notification of eligibility by the Iowa board of educational examiners, the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) pursuant to subparagraph 13.5(2) "b"(2).

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