

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 208, 305, 308, 3001, 3004 and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. Subclause (1) of clause (a) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(1) specialist option - a major or the equivalent in English, a language other than English, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, mathematics, or social studies; provided that the content core in social studies shall include study in economics, government, and at least a total of 21 semester hours of study in the history and geography of the United States and the world. Provided, however, that:

(i) for candidates who hold a classroom teaching certificate in a science certificate title, and are seeking a classroom teaching certificate in a different science certificate title(s), the program shall only require 18 semester hours of study for the content core in the subject area(s) of the additional science certificate title(s); and

(ii) for candidates who are simultaneously preparing for two or more classroom teaching certificates in different science certificate titles, the program shall require a major or the equivalent for the content core in one of the subject areas of the science certificate title and only 18 semester hours of study for the content core in the subject area(s) of the additional science certificate title(s); or

(2) ...

2. Clause (a) of subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Content core. In addition to meeting the general requirements for the content core prescribed in clause ~~[(2)(ii)(b)]~~[(2)(ii)(a)] of this subdivision, the content core shall be a major or its equivalent in one of the liberal arts and sciences that provides a knowledge base for assisting students in grades 7 through 12 in meeting the State learning standards for students, as applicable to one of the following subjects and prescribed in Part 100 of this Title: English, a language other than English, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, mathematics, or social studies, provided that the content core in social studies shall include study in economics, government, and at least a total of 21 semester hours of study in the history and geography of the United States and the world. Provided, however, that:

(i) for candidates who hold a classroom teaching certificate in a science certificate title, and are seeking a classroom teaching certificate in a different science certificate title(s), the program shall only require 18 semester hours of study for the content core in the subject area(s) of the additional science certificate title(s); and

(ii) for candidates who are simultaneously preparing for two or more classroom teaching certificates in different science certificate titles, the program shall require a major or the equivalent for the content core in one of the subject areas of the science certificate title and only 18 semester hours of study for the content core in the subject area(s) of the additional science certificate title(s).

3. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

[(iv)] (iii) Content core. The candidate shall complete 30 semester hours of coursework in the subject area of the certificate title, which may include no more than six of the 30 semester hours in a cognate, meaning a related field as determined by the department; provided, however that a candidate seeking an initial certificate in computer science shall only be required to complete 12 semester hours of coursework in the subject area of the certificate title; provided further, however, that a candidate who holds a classroom teaching certificate in a science certificate title, and is seeking a certificate in a different science certificate title(s), shall only be required to complete 18 semester hours of coursework in the subject area(s) of the additional science certificate title(s).