

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. Paragraphs (15) and (16) of subdivision (a) of section 30-1.8 of the Rules of the Board of Regents are amended and a new paragraph (17) is added to read as follows:

(15) English as a second language; [and]

(16) Computer science[.]; and

(17) Indigenous Culture and Language Studies.

2. Item (iv) of subclause (1) of clause (b) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(iv) language acquisition and literacy development by native English speakers and students who are English language learners—and skill in developing the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills of all students, including at least six semester hours of such study for teachers of early childhood education, childhood education, middle childhood education, and adolescence education; teachers of students with disabilities, students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, students who are blind or visually impaired, and students with speech and language disabilities; teachers of English to speakers of other languages; teachers of indigenous culture and language studies; and library media specialists. This six semester hour requirement may be waived upon a showing of good cause satisfactory to the commissioner, including but not limited to a showing

that the program provides adequate instruction in language acquisition and literacy development through other means;

3. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(v) ...

(a) ...

(1) ...

(2) For certificates in indigenous culture and language studies (all grades), in addition to meeting the general requirements for the content core prescribed in clause (2)(ii)(a) of this subdivision, the content core shall be at least a total of 18 semester hours that provides a knowledge base for assisting students in understanding indigenous cultures and/or languages.

(b) ...

(1) ...

(2) ...

(3) ...

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for registered programs leading to the indigenous culture and language studies (all grades) certificate, the mentoring teachers or school-based teacher educators who work with candidates during the student teaching, practicum, or residency experience may:

(i) hold a permit in an indigenous language in lieu of being certified in the subject area of certification sought or in a closely related area as described in subclause (2)(ii)(b)(2) of this subdivision; and

(ii) such permit holder may have at least one year of full-time teaching experience, or the equivalent, in lieu of having the minimum number of years of full-time teaching experience as described in subclause (2)(ii)(b)(2) of this subdivision.

4. Subparagraphs (xxii) through (l) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of section 80-3.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education are relettered subparagraphs (xxiii) through (li) and a new subparagraph (xxii) is added to read as follows:

(xxii) Indigenous Culture and Language Studies

5. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 80-3.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(i)

[(a)] Except as otherwise provided in this section, [for candidates applying for certification on or after May 1, 2014 or candidates who applied for certification on or before April 30, 2014 but did not meet all the requirements for an initial certificate on or before April 30, 2014, such] candidates shall submit evidence of having achieved a satisfactory level of performance on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination educating all students test and the content specialty test(s) in the area of the certificate, when available, [except] provided that a candidate seeking an initial certificate in the [title of Speech and Language Disabilities (all grades)] titles of indigenous culture and language studies (all grades) and speech and language disabilities (all grades), or a candidate seeking an initial certificate through individual evaluation under section 80-3.7(a)(3)(xiii) of this subpart, shall not be required to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the content specialty test.

[(b) Examination requirement for candidates with a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and two years of post-secondary teaching experience in the area of the certificate sought.

(1) Any candidate seeking an initial certificate in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, or in a closely related field as determined by the department in (grades 7-12) and who is applying for an initial certificate through individual evaluation under section 80-3.7(a)(3)(ii)(c) of this Subpart on or after May 1, 2014, or candidates who applied for certification on or before April 30, 2014, but did not meet all the requirements for an initial certificate through individual evaluation on or before April 30, 2014, shall only be required to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the educating all students test.]

6. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(2) ...

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(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 seeking an initial certificate in indigenous culture and language studies shall only be required to complete

the number of semester hours of coursework in the subject area of the certificate title as prescribed in subparagraph (xiv) of paragraph (3) of this subdivision; 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).

(iv) Pedagogical core. The candidate shall complete pedagogical coursework as prescribed in clause (a) of this subparagraph and teaching experience as prescribed in clause (b) of this subparagraph, provided that candidates identified in this subparagraph shall not be required to demonstrate completion of the pedagogical core requirements. A candidate who holds one or more provisional certificates, permanent certificates, initial certificates, or professional certificates in a title in the classroom teaching service, other than a title in a specific career and technical subject (grades 7-12), shall not be required to demonstrate completion of the pedagogical core requirements for an additional initial certificate in the classroom teaching service sought, except for such candidates who are seeking an additional initial certificate in one or more of the following titles: early childhood education, childhood education, generalist in middle childhood education (grades 5-9), specialist in middle childhood education (grades 5-9), English to speakers of other languages (all grades), indigenous culture and language studies (all grades), literacy (birth-grade 6), literacy (grades 5-12), literacy (all grades), students with disabilities (birth-grade 2), students with disabilities (grades 1-6), students with disabilities (grades 5-9), students with disabilities (grades 7-12), students with

disabilities (all grades), deaf and hard of hearing (all grades), blind or visually impaired (all grades), and speech and language disabilities (all grades).

7. Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended by adding a new subparagraph (xiv) to read as follows:

(xiv) Indigenous culture and language studies.

(a) Content core. The content core prescribed in subparagraph (2)(iii) of this subdivision shall consist of:

(i) 18 semester hours of coursework in the subject area of the certificate title; or

(ii) 12 semester hours of coursework in the subject area of the certificate title and acceptable proficiency in an indigenous language as determined by a designated official in the Nations who is approved by the department.

(b) Pedagogical core. Within the pedagogical core prescribed in subparagraph (2)(iv) of this subdivision, the candidate shall complete three additional semester hours in teaching literacy skills.