



Specialist Qualifications

LICENSURE

Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program specialist must have either an Elementary or Secondary Teaching License. CTE and Special Education licenses do not qualify.

ENDORSEMENT

Secondary License—specialists must hold a K-12 Endorsement in the specific art form.

Elementary License—specialists must hold an Elementary Specialist (Level2) Endorsement in the specific art form.

OPTIONS FOR UNDERQUALIFIED SPECIALISTS

Licensure

Information on educator licensing can be found on the Utah State Office of Education website at: <https://schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing> . Candidates are encouraged to check this website frequently as rules are subject to change.

Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL)—Candidates who do not hold a teaching license may qualify for the Alternative Route to Licensure program if: 1) they have completed all the endorsement requirements except PRAXIS and methods courses, and 2) they are hired to teach at least 15 hours per week in the subject. The candidate applies through ARL following the instructions listed here: <https://schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning> (click on ARL tab)

Site-Specific Licensure—Districts or charters may request a site-specific license for a specialist by submitting the following evidence: 1) candidate holds a bachelor's degree in any area, 2) candidate has passed the content PRAXIS, 3) evidence that other licensure options are unreasonable, 4) candidate is the best person for the position.

<https://schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning> (click on LEA Specific Competency-based tab)

Eminence Letter of Authorization—LEAs may request eminence if the candidate teaches under .37 of a full-time contract and is the best candidate for the position. (Expanded eminence may be considered in very extenuating circumstances through the State Board of Education. (Contact Travis Rawlings at: travis.rawlings@schools.utah.gov)

Letter of Authorization—Educators may be granted three letters of authorization in their careers which allow them to teach without the proper credential, either licensure and/or endorsement.

Academic Pathway to Teacher (APT)—Candidate must have a degree in any subject and pass the content PRAXIS. LEA hires and determines induction program including at least three years working with a master teacher. <https://schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/earning>

Endorsement

State Approved Endorsement Plan—If a specialist has at least 9 semester hours toward the endorsement, he/she may apply for a state approved endorsement plan (SAEP). The plan would include a list of all uncompleted requirements for the endorsement. The specialist would be considered qualified for two years while the requirements are completed. If progress is being made at the end of the two years, but not complete, the specialist may apply for a one-year extension on the SAEP.

K-12 Extension to a 6-12 License and Endorsement—Educators with a secondary license and a 6-12 endorsement may apply for an SAEP for the K-12 endorsement. The requirements include a child development or child psychology course and an elementary methods course in the specific art form.

Letter of Authorization—Educators may be granted three letters of authorization in their careers which allow them to teach without the proper credential (either licensure and/or endorsement). Specialist should work toward the 9 credit hours to qualify for the SAEP during the letter of authorization.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Endorsement applications can be found here:
<https://schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing/educatorendorsements>
- Portfolios are not required if all course work is complete in music, theatre, and visual art. The portfolio form is used in lieu of a PRAXIS in dance. The Dance Portfolio in lieu of PRAXIS should include evidence of how each of the endorsement categories are incorporated in the classroom setting i.e. lesson plan on dance history, video of dance technique in performance.
- Portfolio evidence for demonstrated competency may be accepted in limited categories and in extenuating circumstances if coursework has not been completed. Contact Cathy Jensen to determine the categories and circumstances.

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