



## ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION - CONTENT SPECIALIST

Division Of Education, Lewis-Clark State College  
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### Teacher Candidate's Responsibilities to the Consortium

#### I. Be Eligible

- A. The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- B. The candidate must present proof of passing the required Praxis II exam(s) for the proposed teaching area.
- C. The candidate must be offered a teaching position by an Idaho school district.
- D. Have or obtain 6 credits of Education courses.

#### II. Meet Requirements for Program Admission

- A. Be admitted to Lewis-Clark State College as a Post-Bac Student.
- B. Provide official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- C. Provide two confidential reference letters.
- D. Complete a successful admission interview in person or by phone.
- E. Pass a Criminal History Check (CHC).
- F. Complete the LCSC PACE Application Form including the written essay, Statement of Release, and payment of the \$35.00 Division of Education Application fee.

#### III. Participate in the Pre-Assessment

The candidate and college faculty advisor will determine a procedure by which the candidate can demonstrate knowledge of content to be taught as well as pedagogical knowledge, skills and dispositions. This procedure may include one or more of the following in combination:

1. **Passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II, Compass, and other exams;**
2. **Passing scores on the Teaching Skills Assessment Program;**
3. **Successful evaluation of professional certificates, samples of demonstration teaching, lesson materials, student error analyses, etc.;**
4. **Successful evaluation of a Content Knowledge Folio and Professional Portfolio;**
5. **Positive teaching evaluations completed by school administrators and supervisors;**
6. **Relevant employment history;**
7. **Transcript evaluations;**
8. **Documented evidence of disposition for teaching.**

#### IV. Participate in the Formulation of the Plan of Studies

The college faculty advisor in consultation with the candidate and the employing school district will develop an individualized written plan for the completion of the program. Components of the plan include the following:

- A. The candidate will be mentored by LCSC faculty until program completion.
- B. The school district will provide a designated mentor until program completion.
- C. The candidate will be observed teaching at least once per month. The observations may be conducted by college faculty, the principal or his/her designee, and the school mentor. Participants will arrange an observation schedule that fulfills this requirement.
- D. The plan will include nine-twelve credits of additional course work over the two-year period.
- E. The agreement to mentor four consecutive semesters is not an assurance that the school district will reemploy the candidate.
- F. The candidate should request Interim Certification forms from the Idaho State Department of Education.

## **V. Complete the Plan of Studies**

- A. The candidate will complete remaining course work as stipulated in the program plan. Upon completion of the program, the typical candidate will have completed four additional courses over a three-year period.
- B. The candidate must enroll in three semester credits of Internship with LCSC each of the four consecutive semesters during which the candidate is to be observed.
- C. The candidate must enroll in one semester credit of Seminar during the final semester.
- D. The candidate must meet any additional state requirements, e.g. ITPA, Idaho Literacy Test, Reading in the Content Area.
- E. The candidate must present an approved professional portfolio related directly to the teaching experience with evidence of effect on learners.
- F. The candidate must have a successful Program Completion Conference conducted by the college faculty, the principal or his/her designee, and the school mentor.

The Division of Education will then notify the Idaho Department of Education Bureau of Certification/Professional Standards and Adult Services recommending that the candidate be granted an Idaho Initial Teaching Certificate.

**I agree to the stipulations of the LCSC Alternative Authorization - Content Specialist Consortium.**

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**Candidate's Signature and Date**