

This is an amendment to 6.61.10 NMAC, Sections 1, 3 and 8, effective 01-29-10.

6.61.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Public Education Department (PED)
[6.61.10.1 NMAC - N, 08-15-03; A, 06-15-06; A, 01-29-10]

6.61.10.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 22-2-1, 22-2-2, and [~~22-2-8.7;~~ 22-10A-6, NMSA 1978.
[6.61.10.3 NMAC - N, 08-15-03; A, 01-29-10]

6.61.10.8 REQUIREMENTS:

A. Persons seeking licensure to teach students with blindness and visual impairment pursuant to the provisions of this rule shall [~~either hold special education licensure as provided in 6.61.6.8 NMAC or~~ meet the requirements of [~~Subsections A and B~~ Subsection A] of 6.61.10.8 NMAC.

(1) bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and including, for those students first entering a college or university beginning in the fall of 1986, the following:

- (a) twelve (12) semester hours in English;
- (b) twelve (12) semester hours in history including American history and western civilization;
- (c) six (6) semester hours in mathematics;
- (d) six (6) semester hours in government, economics, or sociology;
- (e) twelve (12) semester hours in science, including biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology,

or botany;

- (f) six (6) semester hours in fine arts; and

(2) credits from a regionally accredited college or university which include twenty four to thirty-six (24-36) semester hours of professional education in a program of studies that prepares candidates to teach blind and visually impaired students, including completion of the [~~public education department's (PED's)~~ PED's] approved functional areas and related competencies in professional education; and

- (3) a mandatory student teaching or practicum component; and

(4) twenty-four to thirty-six (24-36) semester hours in one teaching field such as mathematics, science(s), language arts, reading, or from among history, geography, economics, civics and government (or other social studies content related areas). Individuals must also complete the PED's approved functional areas and related competencies in the teaching field; and

(5) in addition to the requirements specified in Subsection A, Paragraphs (1), (3), (4) and (6) of 6.61.10.8 NMAC, six (6) hours of reading for those who have first entered any college or university on or after August 1, 2001 regardless of when they graduate or earn their degree; and

(6) passage of all required portions of the New Mexico teacher assessments (NMTA) or any successor teacher examination adopted by the PED[~~or~~].

B. [~~Possess a valid certificate issued by the association of educational rehabilitation of students with visual impairments for the appropriate grade level and type.~~] [Reserved]

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