



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.26 Alternative educator licenses.

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(A) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining an alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license may be renewed under division (D) of this section.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education jointly shall develop an intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals seeking an alternative resident educator license. The instruction shall cover such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology.

(C) The rules adopted under this section shall require applicants for the alternative resident educator license to satisfy the following conditions prior to issuance of the license, but they shall not require applicants to have completed a major or coursework in the subject area for which application is being made:

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree;

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training institute described in division (B) of this section or the preservice training provided to participants of a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor. The chancellor may approve any such program that requires participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have either a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent or a cumulative graduate school grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0; and successfully complete the program's preservice training.

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which application is being made.



(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be valid for four years and shall be renewable for reasons specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code.

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold the license, to do all of the following:

(1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program;

(2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully completing one of the following:

(a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and practices of teaching in such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology;

(b) Professional development provided by a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor under division (C)(2) of this section.

(3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the second year of teaching under the license.

(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a professional educator license to a holder of an alternative resident educator license upon successfully completing all of the following:

(1) Four years of teaching under the alternative license;

(2) The additional college coursework or professional development described in division (E)(2) of this section;

(3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in division (E)(3) of this section. The standards for successfully completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the assessment



shall be the same as for any other individual who is required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(4) The Ohio teacher residency program;

(5) All other requirements for a professional educator license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program or who has completed two years of teaching in another state as a participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be eligible for a license under this section.