

## Adding an Endorsement or Authorization Level to an Existing Initial or Continuing Teaching License Current as of August 2011

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDING AN ENDORSEMENT (TSPC OAR 584-060-0062)

**MIDDLE-LEVEL ENDORSEMENTS:** Teachers holding an initial or continuing license with a “multiple subjects” endorsement at either the elementary or middle-level authorizations may add a Language Arts, Social Studies, Middle School Science, or Basic or Advanced Mathematics endorsement to an existing teaching license by completing the following:

- Passing scores on the NES/ORELA middle school subject area tests (available only for language arts, social studies, science, and math). (Passing scores on the regular NES/ORELA subject-area tests are also accepted by TSPC.)

**MIDDLE-LEVEL/HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENTS:** Teachers holding an initial or continuing license with a middle-level/high school or high school authorization may add a subject-area endorsement by completing the following:

- A program-supervised 2 semester hour or 3 quarter hour practicum completed in a subject area in which an Oregon institution is approved by TSPC to offer the endorsement;

OR

- Verification of 60 hours or more teaching in the new subject-area at least one hour each day or the equivalent on either an optional assignment of ten hours or less or an approved conditional assignment permit (CAP);

OR

- Completion of a TSPC-approved program in the subject-area;

AND

- Passing scores on the regular (not middle school) NES/ORELA subject-area test.

**Exceptions requiring completion of an approved program in order to add an endorsement:**

A TSPC-approved institutional program including content courses, methods courses, and practica is always required as preparation for added endorsement in the following areas: Special Education (including Early Intervention, Hearing Impairment, Vision Impairment, Special Education, and Communication Disorders); ESOL; Reading; Drama; Japanese; Latin; Russian; and Adaptive P.E.

**Exceptions for holders of teaching licenses with only special education, ESOL, or reading endorsements:**

To add any general education endorsement to a license that holds only a “specialty endorsement,” the teacher must complete a general education program at the grade levels in which the general education endorsement is sought and/or submit a recommendation C-2 form by an Oregon institution approved to offer the endorsement.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDING AN AUTHORIZATION LEVEL (TSPC OAR 584-060-0052)

Teachers holding an initial or continuing license may add an authorization level to an existing license by completing the following:

- Be admitted to and complete a TSPC-approved program of at least 4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours of preparation in child or adolescent development and methods of instruction in the subject-area at the requested authorization level (which may include taking additional subject-area tests).

AND one of the following practicum experiences, including the preparation of one work sample at the new authorization level:

- A practicum of 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours with an institution approved by TSPC;

OR

- Verification of one year of teaching experience in the new subject-area at least one hour each day or the equivalent on either an optional assignment of 10 hours or less on an approved conditional assignment permit (CAP).

**Exception:**

Candidates in specialty endorsement areas (art, ESOL/bilingual, music, physical education, adaptive physical education, special education, and reading) may qualify for the endorsement at all four authorization levels by completing practica in either the early childhood or elementary and the middle or high school levels.

### A NOTE REGARDING ADMISSION

Please note that, in order to be recommended by Lewis & Clark College to TSPC for an added endorsement or authorization level, the candidate must have been admitted to and completed our approved program in that particular area.