

Requirements for Adding a Provisional Special Education Endorsement to a Nebraska Teaching Certificate through the College of Education & Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Applicants requesting provisional endorsement in any area of special education must meet the following criteria:

- Have completed a minimum of six relevant credit hours (undergraduate or graduate credit) towards the desired provisional special education endorsement
- Hold a current Nebraska teaching certificate
- Be admitted to the UNL Graduate College (<http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/prospective>)
- Be admitted to either the Graduate Certificate Program or Masters' Degree Program in Special Education at UNL (<http://cehs.unl.edu/secd/>)
- Have their prospective school administrator email Dr. Sara Skretta (sskretta1@unl.edu) indicating their intent to hire the applicant for the current academic year and request the provisional endorsement
- Have an official UNL program of study set up by an academic advisor associated with the desired provisional endorsement area (jengland2@unl.edu or 402-472-2141)
- Have a copy of the program of study on file in the UNL Teacher Certification Office (advisors can forward a copy to Dr. Sara Skretta).
- Indicate in writing an intent to complete the desired endorsement program (see Affirmation of Eligibility Form information below).

Applicant is responsible for applying for the provisional endorsement on the Nebraska Department of Education's (NDE) website, completing the Affirmation of Eligibility form, and providing official transcripts and fees to the NDE (<http://www.education.ne.gov/cert/>).

The provisional special education endorsement shall expire on August 31 in the year following the year of issuance. It may be renewed two (2) times. To renew, applicant needs to apply to the NDE, pay the fee and submit an official transcript verifying completion of at least nine (9) semester hours of course work from the established plan for completion.