

Adding Endorsements to your Initial I Teaching License

After you have completed a teacher preparation program, you can still add endorsements to your license. To do so, you need to do the following:

- 1) Pass the appropriate content exam (e.g., Pearson NES) and send the scores to TSPC.
 - 2) Demonstrate practical experience in the subject by doing one of the following:
 - a. Teaching the new subject for one year for at least one hour each day on an approved conditional assignment permit (CAP) which a principal must recommend you for. You must be on a CAP to count any teaching experience. Prior experience is not valid.
 - b. If you are not in a school (or are not granted a CAP), you can sign up for a university practicum of 2 semester hours or 3 quarter hours at an approved institution.
 - c. Other licensed teaching experience in the subject of 5 years or more may be applicable and must be approved by the Executive Director of TSPC.
- **Note:** To add an additional endorsement in a subject with multiple endorsements (e.g., science and math), your initial endorsement experience is sufficient and no additional practical experience is necessary. For example, if you have a Biology endorsement and want to add Integrated Science, you only need to pass the content exam. Similarly, if you have a basic mathematics endorsement and want to add advanced mathematics, only the content exam is necessary.

Three very important notes:

- The information above is only applicable for adding endorsements. To add authorization levels (e.g., elementary, middle, or high school) you must enter a university program.
- The following special endorsements can only be added in an approved university program: Special Education, communication disorders, hearing impairment, visual impairment, reading, drama, Japanese, Latin, and Russian.
- Other specialty endorsements, such as art, music, ESOL, ESOL/bilingual, physical education, and educational media specialists require multiple authorizations and may involve additional coursework.

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