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Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, there are several statutory requirements individuals must complete for an initial license to be issued or for license renewal.

Initial Licensure Statutory Requirements:

Certification of Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking initial licensure must complete study in child abuse and neglect recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Virginia Board of Education. A [training module](#) is available at no cost.

- Individuals must select the “Required Training/Courses” tab under the heading “Child Protective Services.”
- Then select the “Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognizing, Reporting, & Responding (for educators).”

To print the certificate after completing the training, the computer must be connected to a printer.

Emergency First Aid, CPR (including Hands-on Practice), and AED Training or Certification

Include documentation verifying this statutory requirement has been met. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

The following must be included on official documentation submitted to the licensure office by an individual:

- Individual’s full name.
- Title or description of training or certification completed that clearly indicates that all three components were included: 1) emergency first aid, 2) CPR, and 3) use of AEDs.
- Date the training or certification was completed.

- Signature and title of the individual providing the training or certification or a printed certificate from the organization or group that provided the training or certification. Legible copies of wallet-sized certification cards or other sized certifications, containing the above information, from organizations providing current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross will be accepted.

The Board has provided a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training. An individual requesting a waiver must submit a [“Request for a Waiver Form.”](#)

Dyslexia Awareness Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Individuals seeking initial licensure shall complete awareness training on the indicators of dyslexia, as that term is defined by the Board pursuant to regulations, and the evidence-based interventions and accommodations for dyslexia. A [dyslexia module](#) is available at no cost.

Behavior Intervention and Support Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. Applicants who complete a Virginia state-approved program will have completed this as part of their program. A series of modules that meet the new training requirement for initial licensure can be found on the [ODU VDOE joint webpage](#) and can be completed at no cost. Applicants who did not receive the training through a Virginia state-approved program may complete the modules on their own and submit the documentation.

Effective July 1, 2023: Cultural Competency Training

Include a copy of the certificate verifying completion of this statutory requirement. HB1904 and SB119 were identical bills passed during the 2021 General Assembly that support a culturally competent educator workforce in the Commonwealth. Individuals seeking an initial license must complete [Cultural Competency Training](#) and individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement in history and social sciences shall complete instruction in African American history, as prescribed by the Board.

Industry Certification Credential (Career and Technical Educators Only)

Individuals applying for an initial license with a career and technical education endorsement must include documentation verifying the industry credential statutory requirement has been met for the endorsement requested.

"Industry certification credential" means a career and technical education credential that is earned by successfully completing a Virginia Board of Education-approved industry certification examination, being issued a state professional license, or successfully completing an occupational competency examination. Please note that this requirement is in addition to all other licensure requirements for the endorsement you are seeking. For detailed information regarding 1) the teacher-eligible list of Board of Education-approved industry certification examinations, (2) the issuing organization, and (3) the specific career and technical (CTE) area(s), including the corresponding endorsement codes, refer to the Industry Credentials for Teachers Seeking an Initial Virginia License with Endorsement(s) in an Area of Career and Technical Education Guidance Document Word) (Revised June 2021), [Guidance Document](#) (Word).

The *Code of Virginia* requires that a teacher seeking an initial license in the Commonwealth with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education shall have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement. If a teacher seeking an initial license in the Commonwealth has not attained an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement, the Board may, upon request of the Virginia employing school division or Virginia accredited nonpublic school, issue the teacher a provisional license to allow time for the teacher to attain such credential.

[School Counselor: Training in the Recognition of Mental Health Disorder and Behavioral Distress \(School Counselors Only\)](#)

Individuals seeking initial licensure with an endorsement as a school counselor must include verification of this statutory required training in the recognition of mental health disorder and behavioral distress, including depression, trauma, violence, youth suicide, and substance abuse. Refer to [Superintendent's Memo #003-22](#) for additional information on training options to meet this requirement.