

5440-85 Consulting Teacher

The holder is authorized to provide comprehensive special education services, in any public education setting, to students in grades K-8 and/or grade 7 through age 21, as specified on the endorsement, and to provide leadership in the implementation of best practices in special education. The holder may provide instruction to students who are visually impaired, Deaf, or who have intensive special needs, as those terms are defined in federal regulations pertaining to special education eligibility, in consultation with a Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, or Intensive Special Education Teacher.

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

The Consulting Teacher must be eligible to hold the Special Educator endorsement through demonstration of each of the knowledge and performance standards required for that endorsement. In addition, the Consulting Teacher understands concepts and demonstrates skills essential to leadership in special education, including:

Knowledge Standards:

Program Development, Consultation, and Collaboration:

The design and delivery of effective training programs to educational staff and parents

Performance Standards:

Program Development, Consultation, and Collaboration:

Demonstrates collaborative and consultative skills in a variety of settings, including IEP planning and development, implementation of the comprehensive evaluation process, and communication with appropriate personnel regarding planning and delivery of instruction and accommodations

Designs materials, programs, and environments in consultation with the classroom teacher and/or appropriate teams, to enable students to progress in the general education curriculum

Provides systematic training for special educators and other school personnel in specialized instructional techniques and methodologies

Assessment:

Provides professional and technical assistance to the special educator in the comprehensive evaluation process

Additional Requirements:

Master's degree, in special education or the equivalent

Two years of teaching experience

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A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, in special education at the elementary/middle (grades K-8) or middle/secondary (grade 7-age 21) instructional level, depending on the authorization sought. For the full K-age 21 authorization, a minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, in special education at **both** the elementary/middle (grades K-8) and middle/secondary (grade 7-age 21) instructional levels is required.