



## Candidates

- Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with 24 semester hours in the teaching field or a related field
- 10 years of work experience in the field to be taught
- 50 contact hours of pre-service preparation incorporating the knowledge and skills specified in the *Professional Education Licensure Standards* and focusing on the domains in the *Framework for Evaluation and Professional Growth*
- Program is designed for individuals who do not desire to teach on a full-time basis
- Licensure available in specific subject areas and courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and foreign language

## Adjunct Licensure

- Granted upon successful completion of pre-service course work and screening
- Support from a mentor teacher who will commit to meet regularly with the Distinguished Professional
- Support from mentors and other professional development will be at least the equivalent of two days per month
- License is valid for one year

## Evaluation

- Principal or designee will be responsible for all evaluations
- At the end of each year, the school system will recommend the candidates who have received successful evaluations to the Department of Education for renewal of the adjunct license. In no event will the adjunct license be valid for more than 10 years.
- The Distinguished Professional will not attain licensure beyond the approved subject matter or courses without successfully completing the state's regular or alternative licensure program.

## Screening

- Gallup Teacher Insight
- Drug Screening
- Background Check
- Praxis I pre-professional skills test or the equivalent
- Praxis content area examination(s) during first 6 months
- Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (prior to their second year of teaching)

## Distinguished Professionals Education Institute

The Distinguished Professionals Education Institute is designed to address the growing need for course matter experts with expertise in math, science, foreign languages, and other areas of current shortage. Professional scientists, linguists and mathematicians holding alternative licenses issued by the state will teach on a "course by course" basis in hard-to-staff and critical shortage areas. Distinguished Professionals Education Institute will mesh teacher education, mentoring, induction, and professional development to enable schools and districts to leverage resources of personnel, equipment, and dollars.

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