

R 43-64 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL

I. ADMINISTRATION

(A) Elementary School Principal and Supervisor

- (1) Master's degree
- (2) Valid South Carolina Educator's Professional Certificate at the elementary level
- (3) Minimum qualifying score(s) on the area examinations required by the State Board of Education
- (4) Verification of three years teaching experience, including at least one year of teaching in grades pre-K–8
- (5) Completion of an advanced program approved by the State Board of Education for the training of elementary principals and supervisors

(B) Secondary School Principal and Supervisor

- (1) Master's degree
- (2) Valid South Carolina Professional Certificate at the secondary level
- (3) Minimum qualifying score(s) on the area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education
- (4) Verification of three years teaching experience, including at least one year of teaching in grades 7–12
- (5) Completion of an advanced program approved by the State Board of Education for the training of secondary principals and supervisors

(C) District Superintendent

- (1) Master's degree
- (2) Valid South Carolina Professional Certificate at the elementary, middle or secondary level
- (3) Minimum qualifying score(s) on the area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education
- (4) Verification of a total of three years experience as a pre-K–12 or post-secondary teacher and two years as a school or school district

administrator, post secondary administrator, or school business administrator

- (5) Completion of an advanced program approved by the State Board of Education for the training of school superintendents

(D) District Superintendent (Alternative Route)

- (1) Master's degree
- (2) Verification of at least ten years of successful experience in a senior position(s) of leadership, such as Chief Executive Officer in a business, corporation or agency, military officer, or other position with responsibilities similar to those of a district superintendent.
- (3) Recommendation for certification by a local school board in a South Carolina public school district interested in employing the individual as a superintendent.
- (4) Submission of a plan of study by the local school board that the individual must complete within three years to include, at a minimum, the areas of curriculum and instruction, school finance, and school law. The candidate must also submit a passing score on area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education for district superintendents within the first year of employment as a superintendent.
- (5) Issuance of an initial certificate for one year. This certificate may be extended annually for two additional years at the request of the local school board based on verification of successful performance reviews.
- (6) Issuance of a professional certificate upon completion of the specified program of study, and minimum qualifying scores on the required certification examination(s), and the recommendation by the local school board after three years of successful service as superintendent.

(E) Vocational/Technology/Career Center Director

- (1) Valid South Carolina secondary principal or supervisor certificate and certification in one of the following areas:

Agriculture
Family and Consumer Sciences
Health Occupations
Industrial Technology
Business and Marketing Technology
Career Technology Education

OR

- (2) Valid South Carolina secondary principal or supervisor certificate and three years of experience as a director or assistant director in a Vocational/Technology/Career Center

OR

- (3) Master's degree from a State Board of Education-approved teacher education program in vocational education, including fifteen semester hours in administration and certification in one of the following areas:

Agriculture
Family and Consumer Sciences
Health Occupations
Industrial Technology
Business and Marketing-Technology
Career and Technology Education

The fifteen semester hours in administration required above are to be selected from the areas listed below:

General School Administration
School Personnel Administration
Techniques of Supervision
School Law
School Finance
Human Growth and Development
Curriculum Development

AND

- (4) Minimum qualifying score(s) on the area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education
- (5) Verification of five years experience as a preK-12 or postsecondary teacher, school or school district administrator, post secondary administrator, or business administrator

II. OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT AREAS

(A) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY GUIDANCE

- (1) Master's degree
- (2) Completion of an advanced program approved by the State Board of Education for the preparation of school counselors
- (3) Minimum qualifying score(s) on the area examination(s) required by the State Board of Education