

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS FOR EDUCATOR
LICENSURE AND PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL
603 CMR 7.00**

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- Period of public comment: **through November 2, 2012**
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7.02: Definitions

Transition Services: This term shall have the meaning given it in federal law at 20 USC 1401(34).

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7.14 Endorsements

(4) Transition Specialist. Awarded to individuals who meet the following requirements:

- (a) Prerequisite license and experience: A minimum of 2 years of experience under one of the following licenses:
 1. An Initial license as a Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities, Teacher of Students with Severe Disabilities, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, or Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
 2. A license as a Rehabilitation Counselor (as described in 262 CMR 4.00), or certification as a Rehabilitation Counselor as determined by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC).
- (b) Demonstration of the subject matter knowledge and skill requirements set forth in 603 CMR 7.14 (4) (d), through the successful completion of a Department-approved course of study specific to providing transition services. The Department will issue guidelines to govern approval of this course of study.
- (c) Completion of a 150 hour field-based experience that includes providing transition services for transition-aged students with disabilities with IEPs, in collaboration with their families, community members, and other relevant professionals.
- (d) Subject Matter Knowledge:

1. Foundations of transition education and transition services, including state and federal legislation; inclusive models, research, best practice, community based education and post-school options; and knowledge of transition planning and service delivery for culturally and linguistically diverse youth.
 2. Individual transition assessment and system evaluation, including conducting, interpreting, and overseeing individualized transition assessments to ascertain interests, strengths, preferences, aptitudes and needs related to competitive employment, education, training, and independent living; developing individualized appropriate measureable postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals based on the individualized transition assessment results; and transition service delivery.
 3. Development of transition systems and supports which include best practices related to self-determination in postsecondary education, competitive integrated employment (including supported employment), independent living, and community participation including, but not limited to, implementation of social skills training, positive behavioral supports, and assistive technology as related to transition goals.
 4. Collaboration including strategies for active participation of students and families in IEP development, transition education and services, and support networks; development of partnerships with employers, institutes of higher education, public agencies, and community service agencies; and provision of technical assistance and professional development to school personnel.
- (e) Candidates with previous employment coordinating school-based transition services who can demonstrate that they meet the subject matter knowledge and skills requirements set forth in 603 CMR 7.14(4)(d) will be exempt from the requirements set forth in 603 CMR 7.14(4)(b) and (c) if they apply for the endorsement no later than December 31, 2013.
- (f) The requirements for the Transition Specialist Endorsement may also be used to satisfy course requirements necessary to obtain a Professional license listed in 603 CMR 7.14 (4)(a)1.
- (g) Renewal. The Transition Specialist Endorsement shall be valid for five years and may be renewed for successive five-year terms to individuals who meet the following requirements:
1. Valid license as listed in 603 CMR 7.14(4) (a), and
 2. Successful completion of 30 professional development points (PDPs) in the content area. The 30 PDPs may be included in the total number of PDPs necessary for license renewal pursuant to 603 CMR 44.00.