



# TEACHER CERTIFICATION (ADDING ENDORSEMENTS)

## Description

At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, individuals who already have Initial Teacher Certification through the Nebraska State Department of Education may complete coursework requirements for the additional endorsements listed under Admissions.

In accordance with Rule 24 of the State of Nebraska Department of Education, a supplemental endorsement means meeting the requirements set forth in the content area of endorsement.

## Program-Related Information

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## Program Website

Child, Youth, and Family Studies (<https://cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/home/>)

Special Education and Communication Disorders (<https://cehs.unl.edu/secd/home/>)

Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education (<https://cehs.unl.edu/tlte/graduate/>)

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.  
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.  
When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).

- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

Endorsements associated with Child, Youth, and Family Studies

- Endorsements:
  - Family and Consumer Sciences Occupational (6-12)
- Application Requirements:
  - Resume/CV
  - Personal Statement
  - Three letters of recommendation. Ensure that at least one reference letter is academic (e.g., instructor, advisor) and any non-academic letters are professional (e.g., relevant employer).

Endorsements associated with Special Education and Communication Disorders

- Endorsements:
  - Orientation and Mobility Specialist
  - Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing B-12
  - Special Education: Early Childhood B-K
  - Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist B-PK
  - Special Education: Visual Impairment B-12
  - Special Education Generalist K-6 (consult Certification Office about availability)
  - Special Education Generalist 7-12 (consult Certification Office about availability)
- Application Requirements:
  - Resume/CV
  - Personal Statement: Your statement should include the following: 1) Rationale for pursuing this endorsement; 2) Interests and specific experiences with individuals with disabilities; 3) Challenges you anticipate experiencing in graduate school (e.g., balancing work and/or family, time management); 4) Strategies you will use to overcome those challenges (i.e.; how you will monitor learning, at what stage you will determine you need to alter your approach to studying, and what would those changes entail); and 5) How do you plan to use this endorsement? Your answers will also be judged based on the quality of your writing.
  - Faculty: Identify one or more faculty members in this department with whom you would like to work.
  - Additional instructions for "Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing B-12": 1) If you have ASL experience, prepare a document listing completed ASL coursework and upload it in the application's Coursework slot. 2) Letters of recommendation should specifically describe what training and/or experiences have prepared you to be successful in this graduate program; at least 1-2 of your recommenders should hold the degree and/or endorsement you are seeking.

Endorsements associated with Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education

- Endorsements:
  - Bilingual Education K-6
  - Bilingual Education 7-12
  - Biology 7-12
  - Chemistry 7-12
  - English as a Second Language PK-6

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- English as a Second Language 7-12
- Earth and Space Science 7-12
- Information Technology PK-12
- Instructional Technology Leadership PK-12
- Math (6-12)
- Physics 7-12
- Reading Specialist PK-12
- Work-Based Learning 9-12
- World Language: Arabic 7-12
- World Language: Japanese 7-12
- Application Requirements:
  - Concurrent program requirement: TLTE requires students seeking these additional endorsements to be concurrently enrolled in a UNL program leading to a degree or graduate certificate.
  - Resume/CV (optional)
  - Personal Statement (optional)
  - Two letters of recommendation (optional)