

Advanced Degree and Highly Qualified Requirements

Advanced Degree

Indiana's Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing has a license option for candidates who have an advanced degree. By statute, instructional licenses issued under the advanced degree option are available only at the secondary (middle school and high school) grade levels. (See IC 20-28-5-15.) The candidate must meet **ALL** of the following criteria to be eligible for a license using the advanced degree option:

- Hold a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution in the subject content area in which the applicant seeks to be licensed;
- Verify at least one (1) academic year of experience teaching students in a middle school, high school or a college classroom setting;
 - Substitute teaching experience does not count toward the required teaching experience;
- Successfully complete the required licensing content area exam(s) corresponding to the advanced degree major;
- Successfully complete the Secondary Pedagogy exam;
- Provide evidence of a valid adult CPR/AED/Heimlich maneuver certification;
- Provide evidence of a valid Suicide Prevention Training Certificate.

Advanced Degree Licensure Art Education

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires a teacher to have undergone "rigorous" state testing. Indiana's Art Education including: Music: Instrumental; Music: Vocal; Fine Arts: Visual Arts; and Fine Arts: Theatre Arts require the completion of a teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education, therefore, a candidate cannot obtain a license in Art Education via the Advanced Degree option.

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The Advanced Degree option is for Secondary Education only, therefore the Advanced Degree license options in the Core Academic Subject Areas are: English/Language Arts; Reading; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies: [History, Geography, Government and Civics, Economics]; and World Languages. The requirements to obtain an Indiana License under the Advanced Degree option would meet the qualifications necessary under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and therefore the candidate **WOULD** be considered Highly Qualified (HQ).

Questions

For information about obtaining an Indiana license using the advanced degree option contact the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing's Help Desk at (317) 232-9010 or email them at licensinghelp@doe.in.gov. For Highly Qualified questions please contact Tana Mansfield, Educator Effectiveness Specialist over Testing and Title II/Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Specialist by email at hqt@doe.in.gov or by phone at (317) 234-0218. Visit our Highly Qualified webpage at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/effectiveness/educator-effectiveness-highly-qualified-teacher-provisions>.