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R277. Education, Administration.

~~[R277-511. Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License.~~

~~R277-511-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

~~—— (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;~~

~~—— (b) Subsection [53E-6-201](#)(2)(a), which allows the board by rule, to rank, endorse, or otherwise to:~~

~~—— (i) classify licenses; and~~

~~—— (ii) establish the criteria for an educator to obtain or retain a license; and~~

~~—— (c) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.~~

~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures:~~

~~—— (a) for an applicant to obtain an Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) level 1 license; and~~

~~—— (b) for an APT level 1 license holder to obtain a level 2 license.~~

~~R277-511-2. Definitions.~~

~~—— (1)(a) "APT level 1 license" means a license obtained through the academic path to teaching process as described in this rule.~~

~~—— (b) "APT level 1 license" includes:~~

~~—— (i) an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration; and~~

~~—— (ii) an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement.~~

~~—— (2) "LEA administrator" means a school building principal or LEA administrator who:~~

~~—— (i) supervises an APT level 1 licensee; and~~

~~—— (ii) may recommend the APT level 1 licensee for Level 2 licensure to the Superintendent as described in Section R277-511-7.~~

~~—— (3) "Teacher leader" means a teacher designated as a teacher leader as described in R277-513.~~

~~R277-511-3. Superintendent Responsibilities.~~

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~~——(1) The Superintendent shall create an application for an APT level 1 license and publish the application on the Board's website.~~

~~——(2) The Superintendent shall approve an application for an APT level 1 license if the applicant meets all of the requirements of Section R277-511-4 or Section R277-511-5.~~

~~R277-511-4. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration.~~

~~——(1) To qualify for an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration, an applicant shall:~~

~~——(a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);~~

~~——(b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;~~

~~——(c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;~~

~~——(d) receive a passing score on the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Praxis Assessment;~~

~~——(e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~

~~——(f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and~~

~~——(g) pay the applicable licensing fee.~~

~~——(2) An APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration is:~~

~~——(a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to length and professional development expectations; and~~

~~——(b) subject to the same renewal procedures.~~

~~R277-511-5. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement.~~

~~——(1) To qualify for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement, an applicant shall:~~

~~——(a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);~~

~~——(b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;~~

~~——(c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;~~

~~——(d) receive a passing score on one of the following that is related to the subject, field, or area to which they are seeking an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement:~~

~~——(i) a Praxis II Subject Assessment; or~~

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- ~~—— (ii) another Board-approved content knowledge assessment;~~
- ~~—— (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~
- ~~—— (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and~~
- ~~—— (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.~~
- ~~—— (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement is:~~
 - ~~—— (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to length and professional development expectations; and~~
 - ~~—— (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.~~
- ~~—— (3) An APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement holder may only seek an additional endorsement after the APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration holder obtains a level 2 license.~~

~~R277-511-6. Requirements for an LEA that Employs an APT Level 1 License Holder.~~

- ~~—— If an LEA employs an APT level 1 license holder, the LEA shall:~~
 - ~~—— (1) assign a teacher leader to serve as a mentor to the APT level 1 license holder;~~
 - ~~—— (2) prepare the APT level 1 license holder to meet the Utah Effective Educator Standards described in R277-530-5;~~
 - ~~—— (3) prepare a mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 license holder; and~~
 - ~~—— (4) provide an APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan to the Superintendent upon request.~~

~~R277-511-7. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License Holder to Gain a Level 2 License.~~

- ~~—— (1) To receive a Level 2 license, an APT level 1 license holder shall:~~
 - ~~—— (a)(i) complete three years of teaching full-time in one LEA under supervision of the teacher leader mentor and LEA administrator; or~~
 - ~~—— (ii) complete four years of at least 0.4 FTE teaching in one LEA under the supervision of a teacher leader mentor and the LEA administrator;~~
 - ~~—— (b) satisfy all Entry Years Enhancement for Quality Teaching requirements designated in R277-522;~~
 - ~~—— (c) complete the requirements of the APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan;~~

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- ~~—— (d) complete any additional requirements of the recommending LEA, including coursework and professional learning that the recommending LEA requires;~~
- ~~—— (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;~~
- ~~—— (f) renew the educator's background check as required in R277-516; and~~
- ~~—— (g) obtain a recommendation from the LEA administrator; and~~
- ~~—— (h) pay applicable licensing fees.~~
- ~~—— (2)(a) An APT level 1 license holder seeking a level 2 license may request a one year extension of the APT level 1 license at the recommendation of the LEA Administrator up to a maximum of two one-year extensions.~~
- ~~—— (b) Unless required by the recommending LEA, the years of teaching in Subsection (1)(a) do not need to be consecutive.~~

~~R277-511-8. Sunset Clause.~~

- ~~—— (1) This rule will sunset on June 30, 2020.~~
- ~~—— (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the Superintendent shall convert the license of an educator with an APT Level 1 License prior to June 30, 2020, with a current teaching position in a Utah LEA, to an Associate Educator license.~~
- ~~—— (3) An educator with a converted license under Subsection (2) may receive a Professional Educator license by completing the requirements of Section R277-511-7.~~
- ~~—— (4)(a) The Superintendent may not accept new applications for APT licenses after September 1, 2019.~~
- ~~—— (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the Superintendent may accept an application for an APT license, for an applicant with a position in a Utah LEA through November 1, 2019.~~

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~~Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: July 2, 2019~~

~~Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-6-201; 53E-3-401(4)]~~