Adding Specializations

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Introduction

A specialization on an Oregon educator license is an optional indication of specialized expertise or preparation in an area the Commission recognizes as "added value" on a license. A specialization indicates the educator has demonstrated exceptional knowledge, skills and related abilities in that area. A specialization must meet standards or requirements set by the Commission.

A specialization is distinguished from an endorsement in that a specialization is not required to teach or work in the specialized area, whereas an endorsement is required to work in the subject-matter area.

The American Sign Language specialization and the Bilingual specialization can only be added to the following licenses:

Teaching Licenses

Preliminary Teaching Professional Teaching Teacher Leader Legacy Teaching

Administrator Licenses

Principal Professional Administrator

Personnel Service Licenses

Preliminary School Counselor Professional School Counselor Preliminary School Psychologist Professional School Psychologist Preliminary School Social Worker Professional School Social Worker



The following specializations can be added to a Preliminary Teaching, Professional Teaching and Teacher Leader License only:

- Adaptive Physical Education (also requires an underlying Physical Education endorsement)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (also requires an underlying endorsement in any of the Special Education areas).
- Dual Language
- Early Childhood Education (also requires an underlying endorsement in Elementary Multiple Subjects)
- Mathematics Instructional Leader PK-8 (also requires an underlying endorsement in Elementary Multiple Subjects or Foundational Mathematics)
- Mathematics Instructional Leader 6-12 (also requires an underlying endorsement in Advanced Mathematics
- Talented and Gifted

Specializations on the Reciprocal license:

A specialization may not be held on, or added to, a Reciprocal license.

If you held similar specialization in another state, you may be eligible to hold the specialization when you move from the Reciprocal to your next non-provisional license by meeting the following:

- If the specialization requires a test only, you must pass the Commission-adopted test for the specialization.
- If the specialization requires completion of a program, you will need to contact an Oregon educator preparation provider with an approved program for the specialization for review of your credentials. If the specialization does not have an approved program in Oregon, any approved Oregon educator preparation provider may provide a recommendation. The recommendation must be provided in the manner and form required by the Commission.



Adaptive Physical Education

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non- provisional Teaching license with Physical Education endorsement.		N/A-on file
Complete a Commission- approved Adaptive Physical Education specialization program.	Official Transcripts AND	Transcripts-Choose ONE: • Electronic transcripts: tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov, received directly from the
NOTE: At least fifty percent (50%) of the Adaptive Physical Education coursework must have been completed within five years prior to the date of application for the		 college. Paper Transcripts: 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Must be received in a sealed university envelope. NOTE: Transcripts uploaded by the educator or not received in a
specialization unless the applicant has ever held the		sealed university envelope cannot be accepted as official.
Adaptive Physical Education endorsement on an Oregon Teaching License.	Program Completion Report (PCR)	PCR: Contact your college to have them submit the form electronically.

American Sign Language

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non-		N/A-on file
provisional Oregon educator		
license.		
Hold an American Sign Language	Copy of certifications	Choose ONE
Teacher Association (ASLTA)	'	Uploaded to Documents section in eLicensing account; or
Provisional, Qualified or		Email scanned copy to contact.tspc@oregon.gov; or
Professional Certification;		Mail paper copies to: TSPC 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR
,		97301
AND		37301
7112		
Provide evidence of American		
Sign Language Proficiency		
Interview (ASLPI) rating of 3 or		
better; or, an ASLPI rating of		
Advanced Plus		
	Official Transcripts;	Transcripts-Choose ONE:
Complete a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in teaching American	Official Hallscripts,	-
Sign Language or equivalent	OR	 Electronic transcripts: <u>tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov</u>, received directly from the college.
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NOTE: The Executive Director or	equivalency to the degree.	a sealed university envelope cannot be accepted as official.
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		Email scanned copy to contact.tspc@oregon.gov; or Topc 350 Division CLATE CLATE
competency standards.		Mail paper copies to: TSPC 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR O7324
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Complete a Commission-	Official Transcripts	Transcripts-Choose ONE:
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Sign Language (ASL)	AND	received directly from the college.
specialization or equivalent		Paper Transcripts: 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301.
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		Other (non-transcripted) documentation (Choose ONE):
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	(PCR)	Email scanned copy to contact.tspc@oregon.gov; or
	(FCN)	Mail paper copies to: TSPC 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR
	OR	97301
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	Documentation you would	
	like considered in lieu of the	
	PCR and transcripts.	
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Autism Spectrum Disorder

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non- provisional Oregon Teaching license with any Special		N/A-on file
Education endorsement.	Official Toward to be	Town data Classes CNI
Complete a Commission- approved Autism Spectrum Disorder specialization program.	Official Transcripts	 Transcripts-Choose ONE: Electronic transcripts: tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov, received directly from the college.
NOTE: At least fifty percent (50%) of the Autism Spectrum Disorder coursework must have been completed within five years prior to the date of application for the specialization.	AND	Paper Transcripts: 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Must be received in a sealed university envelope. NOTE: Transcripts uploaded by the educator or not received in a sealed university envelope cannot be accepted as official.
	Program Completion Report (PCR)	PCR: Contact your college to have them submit the form electronically.

Bilingual

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non- provisional Oregon educator license.		N/A-on file
Official certification of a passing score on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) oral proficiency exam. NOTE: For Bilingual status in an American Indian language, submit a statement from an American Indian Tribe (as defined in ORS 97.740) that certifies that the applicant is qualified for the bilingual	Copy of score report (must indicate a level of Advanced Mid or higher) OR Letter from tribe (if bilingual in an American Indian Janguage)	ACTFL Score: Uploaded to Documents section in eLicensing account; or Email scanned copy to contact.tspc@oregon.gov; or Mail paper copies to: TSPC 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301 Tribal Letter: Contact your sponsoring Oregon tribe to have them submit the letter to our
specialization in the American Indian language.	an American Indian language)	office

Dual Language

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee Hold an active and valid non- provisional Oregon Teaching license.	Official Transmistra	Submit through eLicensing N/A-on file
Complete a Commission-approved Dual Language specialization. NOTE: At least fifty percent (50%) of the Dual Language program coursework must have been completed within five years prior to the date of application for the specialization	AND Program Completion Report (PCR)	 Transcripts-Choose ONE: Electronic transcripts: tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov, received directly from the college. Paper Transcripts: 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Must be received in a sealed university envelope. NOTE: Transcripts uploaded by the educator or not received in a sealed university envelope cannot be accepted as official. PCR: Contact your college to have them submit the form electronically.
Official certification of a passing score on a Commission-approved language proficiency exam.	Contact your college where you are completing your program to determine the acceptable requirement.	 Choose ONE of the following: Uploaded to Documents section in eLicensing account Email scanned copy to contact.tspc@oregon.gov Mail paper copies to: TSPC 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Early Childhood Education

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non-		N/A-on file
provisional Oregon Teaching		
license with an Elementary-		
Multiple Subjects endorsement.		
Complete a Commission-	Official transcripts	Transcripts-Choose ONE:
approved Early Childhood		Electronic transcripts:
Education specialization		tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov,
program.	AND	received directly from the
		college.
NOTE: At least fifty percent		Paper Transcripts: 250
(50%) of the Early Childhood		Division St NE, Salem, OR



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have been completed within		sealed university envelope.
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specialization unless the		sealed university envelope
applicant has previously held		cannot be accepted as official.
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authorization or Early	Program Completion Report	PCR: Contact your college to
Childhood endorsement on any	(PCR).	have them submit the form
license.		electronically.



Mathematics Instructional Leader: PK-8

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non-		N/A-on file
provisional Oregon Teaching		
license with an Elementary-		
Multiple Subjects or		
Foundational Mathematics		
endorsement.		
Complete a Commission-	Official Transcripts	Transcripts-Choose ONE:
approved Elementary		Electronic transcripts:
Mathematics Instructional		tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov,
Leader specialization program		received directly from the
	AND	college.
NOTE: At least fifty percent		Paper Transcripts: 250
(50%) of the Mathematics		Division St NE, Salem, OR
Instructional Leader: PreK-8		97301. Must be received in a
program coursework must have		sealed university envelope.
been completed within five		NOTE : Transcripts uploaded by
years prior to the date of		the educator or not received in a
application for the		sealed university envelope
specialization		cannot be accepted as official.
	Program Completion Report	PCR: Contact your college to
	(PCR)	have them submit the form
	(. 5)	electronically.

Mathematics Instructional Leader: 6-12

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non- provisional Oregon Teaching license with an Advanced Mathematics endorsement.		N/A-on file
Complete a Commission-	Official Transcripts	Transcripts-Choose ONE:
approved Mathematics		Electronic transcripts:
Instructional Leader: 6-12		tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov,
Specialization program.		received directly from the college.
NOTE: At least fifty percent	AND	Paper Transcripts: 250
(50%) of the Mathematics		Division St NE, Salem, OR
Instructional Leader: 6-12		97301. Must be received in a
Specialization program		sealed university envelope.
coursework must have been		NOTE: Transcripts uploaded by
completed within five years		the educator or not received in a
prior to the date of application		sealed university envelope
for the specialization		cannot be accepted as official.
		PCR: Contact your college to
	Program Completion Report	have them submit the form
	(PCR)	electronically.

Talented and Gifted

Requirement	Documents Needed	How to Submit
Application and Fee		Submit through eLicensing
Hold an active and valid non- provisional Oregon Teaching license		N/A-on file
Complete a Commission- approved Talented and Gifted specialization program. NOTE: At least fifty percent (50%) of the Talented and Gifted program coursework must have been completed within five years prior to the date of application for the specialization; and	Official Transcripts AND	Transcripts-Choose ONE: Electronic transcripts: tspc.transcripts@oregon.gov, received directly from the college. Paper Transcripts: 250 Division St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Must be received in a sealed university envelope. NOTE: Transcripts uploaded by the educator or not received in a sealed university envelope cannot be accepted as official.
	Program Completion Report (PCR)	PCR : Contact your college to have them submit the form electronically.

