

4 AAC 30.020 is amended to read:

4 AAC 30.020. Student teachers. (a) An institution of higher learning operating an approved program must require a student enrolled in the program to serve as a student teacher or participate in a supervised clinical practice in a public school for a minimum of 500 hours over a period of 15 weeks.

(b) A student who wants to serve as a student teacher in a public school in this state must apply for authorization on a form prescribed by the department and must submit information requested by the department. The department will conduct a criminal history background check of the student under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300 as if the student were an applicant for a teacher certificate. The department will not authorize the student to serve as a student teacher if the student fails the check.

(c) The department will not authorize an applicant to serve as a student teacher unless the applicant has passed the basic competency examination required under AS 14.20.020(i) and 4 AAC 12.310.

(d) A student teacher authorized under this section must be under the general supervision of a teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate issued under 4 AAC 12, has at least one year of teaching experience in the district where the student teacher is serving, has at least three years of total teaching experience, and meets or exceeds the standards described in 4 AAC 04.200 as verified by the district where the student teacher is serving.

(e) If authorized by the student teacher's preparing institution and supervising teacher, a student teacher may be assigned, from time to time, to instruct, teach, counsel, test, or evaluate students without obtaining a teacher's certificate and without the supervising teacher's presence in the same room, classroom, or other location.

(f) A student teacher shall abide by the code of ethics and professional teaching standards in 20 AAC 10.020.

(g) In this section,

(1) "approved program" means a program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307 or approved under 4 AAC 12.308;

(2) "teacher"

(A) has the meaning given in 4 AAC 12.900(c);

(B) includes pre-school teachers. (Eff. 7/1/90, Register 114; am 6/24/95, Register 134; am 6/28/98, Register 146; am 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 8/1/2015, Register 215)

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