



Exceptional Pupils K-12
Intellectual Disabilities (Moderate to Severe)
[NAC 391.060](#)

1. Complete the general requirements for all educator licenses: [General License Requirements](#)
2. Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited college/university; and
3. Complete eight (8) semester credits of student teaching of pupils who have intellectual disabilities, equivalent field experience with such pupils, or one (1) year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; and
4. Complete thirty (30) credits of coursework to include the following areas:
 - A. Educational psychology.
 - B. Human growth and development.
 - C. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities.
 - D. The assessment of pupils who have disabilities.
 - E. Characteristics of pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - F. Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - G. Behavior management.
 - H. Communication programming for pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - I. Medical aspects of pupils who have disabilities.
 - J. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to additional educational programs, employment and living as an adult.
 - K. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities.

NOTE: The requirement for course work in two (2) of these areas may be satisfied by completing one (1) course, of at least three (3) credits, that encompasses both subject matters.

If you meet the requirements of a Special Education Generalist endorsement you may also add the Special Education Intellectual Disabilities endorsement by completing the following:

1. Complete twelve (12) credits of coursework in the following areas:
 - A. Characteristics of pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - B. Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - C. Communication programming for pupils who have intellectual disabilities.
 - D. Medical aspects of pupils who have disabilities.