

# LEVELS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

## **Short Term Emergency (Type 12) (Not Highly Qualified)**

The Exceptional Child and at least one of the other areas required under 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226.810(b).

- Characteristics of special education students in the specific area of approval sought;
- Methods of teaching in the area of special education approval sought;
- Psychological diagnosis for children with all types of disabilities.

Note: Valid for three years and nonrenewable. The applicant needs a signature from the university and the employing district.

Use form 73-86 at <http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/forms.htm>

## **APPROVAL (Not Highly Qualified)**

An individual who holds an early childhood, special, elementary, high school, or transitional bilingual certificate shall receive approval to teach in a special education area listed in subsection (a) of this Section if he or she has successfully completed college-level coursework addressing each of the following areas:

- 1) Survey of exceptional children;
- 2) Characteristics of special education students in the specific area of approval sought;
- 3) Methods of teaching in the area of special education approval sought; and
- 4) Psychological diagnosis for children with all types of disabilities.

Use application form 73.52

Note: Approvals issued Jan. 1, 2002, or later, expire in three years. If the individual passes the LBS I Test (155) and submits ISBE 73.52, they may have the LBS I Endorsement added to their current Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, or Special K-12 certificate.

## **ENDORSEMENT**

If an individual with an approval passes the LBS I (Learning Behavior Specialist I #155) test, they may apply for the LBS I Endorsement. Endorsements are valid for the same levels as the certificate.

## **CERTIFICATION**

32 hour major, with at least one area, and pass Basic Skills, Assessment of Professional Teaching K-12, and LBS I (Learning Behavior Specialist I #155) test. (Beginning Oct. 1, 2006, the Special Education General Curriculum test #163 is also be required)

**Note: Beginning Jan. 1, 2005, Applicants must complete an Approved Program. Transcript evaluation will no longer be available at ISBE.**

## **Early Childhood Special Education Approval.**

1. Special Education Methods for the young child.
2. Early childhood Special Education assessment
3. Child, Family and Community relationships
4. Development of language

Use form ISBE 73-26

**Learning Behavior Specialist II**

In Part 28.300 for the Standards for Certification in Special Education -  
LBSII

The rules verify that an individual must hold one of the following  
certificates to achieve the LBSII certificate through entitlement:

LBSI Pre K-Age 21 certificate, or  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing certificate, or  
Blind and Visually impaired certificate, or  
Speech Language Pathology teaching certificate (type 10 or 03/09 but not  
the type 73 SLP)

## Short-Term Emergency Certification in Special Education (ISBE Form 73-86)

### Section 25.48

Beginning January 1, 2002, no further authorizations to assign individuals to special education teaching positions shall be issued pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226.820. As of that date, the provisions of this Section shall apply instead to school districts, special education cooperatives and joint agreements, regional superintendents of schools, and nonpublic special education facilities approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 401 (Nonpublic Special Education Facilities).

- a) An individual who wishes to receive short-term emergency certification shall:
  - 1) hold an Illinois elementary, secondary, early childhood, special, or transitional bilingual certificate (which need not be valid for the grade level(s) to be taught under temporary emergency certification as otherwise required by Appendix A to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1, Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision);
  - 2) present evidence of having completed college-level coursework encompassing a "survey of exceptional children" as well as any one of the three other areas required pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226.810(b); and
  - 3) submit the required fee along with an application to the State Board of Education, on a form supplied by the Board, that:
    - A) includes a plan for the individual's acquisition of an unlimited LBS I approval by completing a supervised clinical experience that qualifies for college credit, as well as coursework covering
      - i) diagnosis of, and the characteristics of children with, **all the disabilities encompassed by the LBS I credential,**
      - ii) methods appropriate for teaching children with **all the disabilities encompassed by the LBS I credential,**  
and  
(All disabilities is meant to cover Multi-categorical classes or classes from both sides of LBS I (LD & SED one side, MR & PH the other side)
      - iii) adaptations or modifications of the general curriculum to meet the needs of students with the disabilities encompassed by the LBS I credential; and
    - B) describes the supervision the individual will receive from an individual certified or approved to provide such supervision pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226 (Special Education).
- b) Each applicant's plan shall be validated by an authorized representative of the college or university that operates the approved teacher preparation program under whose auspices the applicant will complete necessary coursework.
- c) Each applicant's plan shall be validated by an authorized representative of the employing entity. In addition to verifying that the required supervision will be provided, this representative shall verify that the employing entity has been unable to secure the services of an individual who is appropriately certified or

approved for the teaching position in question and shall describe the entity's recruitment efforts in this regard.

- d) Approval of an individual's application shall be specific to the teaching assignment and employer described therein but shall be transferrable to a new employer, provided that the conditions of subsection (c) of this Section are met by the new employer.
- e) Upon approval of an application by the State Superintendent of Education, the individual shall have three years, beginning with the next academic term, in which to complete the coursework described in subsection (a)(3)(A) of this Section and receive unlimited LBS I approval under 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226.810. This three-year period shall not include intervals during which any of the following circumstances apply:
  - 1) serious illness or the onset or exacerbation of a disability;
  - 2) care of an immediate family member during serious illness or disability;
  - 3) destruction of the certificate-holder's dwelling; or
  - 4) other circumstances that cause the time the individual could otherwise devote to acquiring additional credentials to be taken up with other responsibilities that cannot be avoided without serious financial hardship or other family disruption (e.g., death of a spouse that results in the need to take a second job or assume operation of a business).
- f) An individual who experiences any of the circumstances discussed in subsection (e) of this Section may submit information to the State Superintendent of Education describing the situation. This information shall be accompanied by relevant evidence such as a physician's statement, insurance claim, or other applicable documentation of the facts. The State Superintendent shall issue a response indicating the period of time for which the three-year deadline shall toll, which shall take into account the relationship of the academic term to the individual's circumstances.
- g) Short-term emergency certification shall not be renewed.
  - 1) An individual who does not obtain the unlimited LBS I approval within the time allotted shall not be assigned to a special education teaching position.
  - 2) An individual who does obtain the unlimited LBS I approval shall thereupon become subject to the provisions of Section 25.47 of this Part.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVALS

### LBS I Approval/Endorsement

Approvals in Special Education will be limited to the grade level of the teaching certificate which the individual possesses. To apply for an approval, an applicant must complete ISBE Form 73-52 and apply for an Approval or Endorsement in LBS I on an 03, 04, 09, or 10. Current Approvals are valid for three years only and do not qualify a teacher as "Highly Qualified". The difference between an Approval and an Endorsement is an Endorsement requires a passing score on the LBS I test.

1. Survey of exceptional children
2. Characteristics course in Multi-categorical disabilities
3. A methods course in Multi-categorical disabilities
4. Psychological diagnosis for all types of exceptional children

**Note:** Learning Behavior Specialist I – Limited Approvals are also available. A teacher would then need # 1 and # 4 from the above and both a Characteristics and a Methods course for a specific disability (L.D., M.R., etc).

**Note:** Use Endorsement form IBSE 73-52. ISBE will issue approval letter when applicable. <http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/forms.htm>

Student teaching and field experiences are not needed for this approval. For instance, a new Elementary Education teacher, who has these four requirements, can qualify for this approval. (per Carolyn Hargrove, ISBE)

Forms may be downloaded from:  
<http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/forms.htm>

(Per Section 25.46 Special Provisions for the LBS I Endorsement, Section 25.47 Special Provisions for the LBS I Approval, Section 226.810 Special Education Teaching Approval)