

TEACHER CONTINUING EDUCATION RELICENSURE REVISIONS

The district continuing education committee met recently to discuss the two additional re-licensure requirements:

- Letter “e”: Reflective statement of Professional Accomplishment and Assessment of Professional Growth
- Letter “f”: Integration of Technology

Reflection requirement: Beginning July 1, 2012, all individuals who were employed as a teacher during any part of the five year period immediately preceding the license renewal must include *“evidence of work that demonstrates professional reflection and growth in best teaching practices. The applicant must include a reflective statement of professional accomplishment and the applicant's own assessment of professional growth ...”* in their license renewal materials.

The committee decided staff will earn one clock hour for completion of the portfolio.

Technology requirement: Effective for renewal of professional licenses that expire on June 30, 2012, and thereafter, applicants must also include in their 125 clock hours instruction or other professional development activities that integrate technology effectively with student learning to increase engagement and student achievement

To fulfill the Reflective Statement of Professional Accomplishment and Assessment of Professional Growth we considered that 90% of our staff completes a Professional Reflective Portfolio for Q-comp, and that the portfolio reflection mirrors this requirement perfectly; therefore, staff will need to submit a copy of the approved portfolio form from their building FATPPS committee. Simply attach it to a clock hour application just as you would for any other request of clock hours. For those who don't complete a PDP reflection and portfolio through Q-Comp, complete **one** of the following to complete this requirement. You will need to provide verification and attach a reflective statement with it:

1. Support for student learning
2. Use of best practices techniques and their application to student learning i.e. reading strategies, graphic organizers, note taking skills (May use Q-Comp PDP as evidence. Include self-assessment/reflection along with your signed PDP checklist)
3. Collaborative work with colleagues that includes examples of collegiality
i.e.: attested –to committee work, collaborative staff development programs, professional learning community work
4. Continual professional development
i.e. job-embedded or other ongoing formal professional learning, including coursework

For the Integration of Technology, the committee decided staff will need a minimum of one hour of specific instruction and training in the use of technology or a combination of one hour with a variety of technology options. The training must include an opportunity for hands on practice. Verification is required whether the training was completed at a workshop, academy or by your colleague(s). It is more than just being exposed to a lecture or demonstration.

We hope this clears up some questions that you have. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact your building continuing ed. representative.