Occupational Endorsement Additions to Endorsement List

The Background:

New endorsements need to be added to the endorsement list located in Educator licensing webpage: http://www.tn.gov/education/lic/endcode.shtml. These endorsements follow the current employment standards listed for receipt of occupational license in State Board of Education Rules 5020-01-02-.03(9)(d) (Employment Standards) and 0520-02-04-.13 (Requirements for the Occupational Education License) are based on the rules approved by the board on final reading on January 2014.

New Endorsement Code	Endorsement Name	License type	Issue Start Date	Grade Span
721	Health Informatics	Occupational	TBD	9-12
722	Public Health	Occupational	TBD	9-12
742	Programming	Occupational	TBD	9-12
751	Fire Safety	Occupational	TBD	9-12

721 (Health Informatics) is a new endorsement. To receive this endorsement, individuals must have an Associate's degree or above in: Medical Informatics, Healthcare Management, Health Information Management, Medical Coding, or Medical Billing. Individuals must also have verification of one year full time work experience and valid industry certification in one of the following: Certified Professional Coder (CPC), Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA), or Medical Coding Technician (MCT).

722 (Public Health) is a new endorsement. To receive this endorsement, individuals must have a Bachelor's degree or higher in Public Health or Public Health Administration.

742 (Programming) Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards 0520-1-2.03(8)(c), Teachers of Computer Technology, Grades 9-12, states that "a teacher of programming languages and Advanced Placement Computer Science shall have a valid Tennessee teacher license with an endorsement grades 7-12 and shall have completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours of computer course work including six semester hours of programming." Endorsements 474, 475, 476 require the equivalent of twelve semester courses work including at least six hours of programming language. Individuals who qualify for this endorsement meet the employment standard listed above OR hold a Bachelor's degree or above in Information Technology or Computer Science with valid industry certification such as CompTia A+, CompTia Net+, CIW, CISCO, or C++

751 (Fire Safety) is a new endorsement. Individuals who qualify for this endorsement hold a high school diploma or above, are Tennessee Fire Commission Fire Fighter Instructor 1 certified, and have at least three years of paid/unpaid work experience.

For endorsement 742, the Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards 0520-1-2.03(8) are current and we are simply adding an endorsement to this employment standard to simplify the process for teachers who meet these requirements.

For all other endorsements, they fall within the employment standards listed in 0520-02-04-.13 (Requirements for the Occupational Education License). As with our other endorsements, we are providing additional information about what qualified candidates would need to have to receive the endorsement.

The Recommendation:

For information purposes only, no action required.