

# Options for the Professional License

## Requirements for All Options in 7.04 (2)(c)5.

**Initial License**  
(Valid for 5 Years of Employment)

**Mentor & Induction Program**  
(In Year One of Employment)

**3 Years of Employment (under Initial License)**

**50 Additional Hours of Mentoring (Beyond Induction Year)**



**One of the Following:**

### a. APPROVED DISTRICT PROGRAM

**Approved Program for the Professional License<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>At least 50 contact hours of content-based seminars

### b. MASTER'S OR HIGHER LEVEL PROGRAM

i.

**Approved Program for the Professional License<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>2</sup>Usually, but not necessarily, a master's degree in education; half the credits are in arts/sciences or professional schools other than education and are appropriate to the field of the license

ii.

**Master's Degree in Discipline or Other Advanced Graduate Program<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>3</sup>Other than in education, in an accredited college or university

### c. FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY HOLD AT LEAST A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ANY FIELD

i.

**Approved 12-Credit Program for the Professional License<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>4</sup>At least nine credits in the academic discipline appropriate to the instructional field of the license

ii.

**12 Graduate Level Credits in the Academic Discipline<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>5</sup>These may include credits earned prior to application for the license

### d. MASTER TEACHER STATUS

**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>6</sup>And others accepted by the Commissioner

### e. STATE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

**State Performance Assessment Program<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>7</sup>When available



**Professional License**  
(Valid for 5 Years)

**License Renewal** (Every 5 Years, based on Professional Development)