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Revised Qualifications For Visiting Teacher Personnel

Effective 1954-55

"The following qualifications will become effective for all new visiting teachers beginning with the school session 1954-55. They shall not be retroactive to those visiting teachers who are fully approved under regulations existing prior to that date. Visiting teachers serving on temporary approval and those entering visiting teacher work before the session 1954-55 may qualify for full approval under these qualifications or those existing prior to that date.

Personal Characteristics

The candidate must be in good health and must possess personal qualities needed in order to command respect and exercise leadership.

Training

1. The candidate shall hold the Collegiate Professional Certificate.
2. The candidate shall have had on the graduate level a minimum of twelve semester hours in at least three of the following areas:
 - a. Psychiatric Principles - This should include consideration of the principles of mental hygiene and the motivation of human behavior.
 - b. Community Organizations - This should deal with a knowledge of and ability to work with community agencies in promoting the adjustment of children.
 - c. Child Welfare in Virginia - This should give a thorough knowledge and understanding of the social and legal provisions for children in Virginia.
 - d. Guidance - This should deal with the techniques of counseling, interviewing, and case work. It should also help in the use of clinical services including the interpretation of reports and tests.
 - e. Family Life - This should help in an understanding of the social, economic and cultural changes in American family life and the role of the family in the development of personality.
 - f. Medical Information - This should consider the field of Medicine as related to social adaptation, especially with relation to children's diseases and the more usual forms of adult illnesses.

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Experience

The candidate shall have had at least three years of successful teaching experience or two years of successful teaching experience and one year of successful experience in social work."