

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Disabilities 1-12**

To add "Significant Disabilities 1-12" endorsement to a valid Type A, B, C, Level 1, 2, or 3 Louisiana certificate, the following requirements must be completed:

| Significant Disabilities 1-12 Add-on (Endorsement)<br>Certificate level held by applicant:   | Requirements Completed: |    | Requirements  |  |
|--|-------------------------|----|---|--|
|  | Yes                     | No |   |  |
| _____ For individual holding a valid early childhood certificate (PK-K, Pk-3),   |                         |    | 1. Achieve a passing score for PRAXIS Education of Exceptional Students: Severe to Profound Disabilities (0544)   |  |
| _____ elementary certificate (e.g., 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-8),   |                         |    | 2. Achieve a passing score for PRAXIS Education of Exceptional Children: Core Content Knowledge (0353)  |  |
| _____ upper elementary or middle school certificate (e.g., 4-8, 5-8, 6-8),   |                         |    | 3. Complete three (3) credit hours of internship of students with significant disabilities OR three (3) years of successful teaching experience of students with significant disabilities (SPED 591 - Directed Study) |  |
| _____ secondary school certificate (e.g., 7-12, 9-12),   |                         |    | Course Requirements Completed:  | Course Prefix And Number   |
| _____ special education certificate, or  | Yes                     | No | Yes   |  |
| _____ an all-level K-12 certificate  |                         |    |   |  |
| <b>Twenty-one (21) credit hours that pertain to children with significant disabilities; the following areas must be addressed:</b> |                         |    |   |  |
|  |                         |    | SPED 561  | Assessment & Evaluation  |
|  |                         |    | No Course   | Curriculum Development, modifications, and transition planning                                 |
|  |                         |    | SPED503 or SPED567 or PSYC 552  | Behavior Support   |
|  |                         |    | No Course   | Instructional Strategies   |
|  |                         |    | No Course   | Communication  |
|  |                         |    | SPED 527  | Collaborative techniques and family partnerships   |
|  |                         |    | No Course   | Characteristics of students with significant disabilities, physical support, health and safety |

If you have completed the requirements as listed above and wish to receive a formal evaluation for the purpose of obtaining additional certification, you must send your official transcript(s) with a completed [Change-of-Action Packet](#) to the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Certification and Preparation. If you have any questions concerning this procedure, you may call 1-877-453-2721.

**For use by Louisiana Employing Agency:**

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| Signature of Employing Superintendent _____ | Date _____ |
| Signature of Human Resource Director _____  | Date _____ |

**For use by the Certification and Preparation Office only:**

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| Signature of Evaluating Specialist _____ | Date _____ |
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