

The Pathway Project

RESA 2 Alternative Certification Plan

Statewide Initiative Through RESA 2

English 5-Adult & Physics 9-Adult

Frequently Ask Questions

Q. What are the Endorsements being offered at this time?

RESA 2 Endorsements are a statewide opportunity for adding an additional certification in English 5-12 or Physics 9-adult. The endorsements are designed to assist West Virginia certified teachers in adding endorsements to their certificates in teaching shortage areas via an on-line opportunity. The shortage areas that qualify for this program are English 5-12 and Physics 9-Adult.

Q. Does this opportunity offer financial assistance and or reimbursement from the county I represent?

The funds may extend from the Title II funds for individual counties. This is a “To Be Determined” decision as individual arrangements will be discussed in regard to financial support and reimbursement.

Q. Are the classes offered as graduate courses?

A student may complete up to 15 hours beyond a Bachelors Degree in this alternative certification path. After 15 hours have been completed the participant may want to arrange to take the GRE. More information to follow in regard to this issue in further communications once your interest has been established. This truly is a program that is tailored to the cohort.

Q. How do I get started?

The Professional Personnel Director and/or Title 2 Director will identify those individuals who are presently working on first class permits or in out of field authorizations in the areas of Physics and English 5-12. After the names are submitted by county central office personnel, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be sent to the interested participants via e-mail for completion. Meetings will be set for further dialog in regard to the specifics and dates. This program is set to start January 2011 with one course offered for each endorsement.

Q. What is The Endorsement Pathways Chart? Which route to or access way of reaching this certification towards a higher qualification?

The Pathways Chart describes three ways or "Paths" that a teacher may be eligible to add an endorsement. Your Pathway you qualify for depends on what endorsements are currently listed on your certificate. There are three Pathways described below:

- Pathway I - Teachers in this category currently hold endorsements that align with the endorsements that they wish to add through Pathway I.
- Pathway II - Teachers who hold endorsements that somewhat align with the endorsement that they wish to add through Pathway II.
- Pathway III - Teachers in this category will take the traditional path to adding an endorsement and will need to complete endorsement program course-work.

Q. Is there contact information for programs offered?

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Q. How long do I have to earn a shortage area endorsement?

A three year commitment is suggested for this plan.

Q. How many hours will approximately take to complete the course requirements?

24-26 Hours depending on transcript analysis of each participant in the cohort

Q. Are these courses inclusively on-line?

Yes with the possibility of a diminutive summer session and or cohort on-site mini session.