

REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4117 - ACT 333 OF 2010

This regulation amended 43-62 (Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification) to create additional educator certification options for **adjunct instructor**, Montessori, and online teaching:

Created additional Specialized Certification options for Adjunct Instructor (also Montessori and Online Teaching).

Adjunct Instructor - allows districts to hire qualified people with at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university to teach part-time (less than two credit-bearing courses an academic year, and less than .5 of a position). Allows the candidate to teach in a content field in middle or secondary school level, or in the related arts or physical education at the elementary level. Requires certain levels of competency and work experience to qualify for a renewable one-year certificate in that district. Certificate is only valid in the **sponsoring district**, and the **district will determine the salary**. Such employment **must not displace** a certified teacher already employed.

EXCERPT FROM THE REGULATION ON ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR:

V. OTHER TYPES OF SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION

The following areas are included:

- A. Adjunct Instructor
- B. Fine Arts
- C. Montessori
- D. Online Teaching

A. ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

Eligibility Requirements

1. The individual must have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university, and
2. A school district in the state must be willing to employ the individual as a teacher on a part-time basis in a content field at the middle or secondary school level, or in the related arts or physical education at the elementary level.

Application Requirements

3. The applicant must
 - (a) complete the application process for South Carolina educator certification, including an all-clear fingerprint review;
 - (b) have earned a bachelor's degree or higher with a major in the field of certification, or must submit passing scores on the content certification exam(s) required for the certification area; and
 - (c) submit verification of five years of occupational experience within the past ten years in, or related to, the content field of the certificate for which the individual is applying; and
4. The school district seeking to employ the individual must provide the following documentation to the Office of Educator Certification:
 - (a) a request and justification for employment of the instructor,
 - (b) an assurance that the employment of this instructor will not displace a certified teacher already employed, and
 - (c) an assurance that the adjunct instructor's teaching assignment will be less than a .5 full-time equivalent position and will not exceed two credit-bearing courses in an academic year.

Stipulations

The following stipulations apply to the South Carolina Adjunct Teaching Certificate:

5. The Adjunct Teaching Certificate is valid only in the sponsoring school district and is not transferrable to any other school district or state.
6. The adjunct instructor must be assigned a state-certified mentor in the same general subject area(s) in which the instructor is assigned to teach.
7. The adjunct instructor must be evaluated annually by the school district and must receive successful performance reviews for the certificate to be reissued for subsequent years at the request of the sponsoring school district.
8. The adjunct instructor must complete a minimum of 20 contact hours of professional development approved by the employing school district each three-year period the certificate is held.
9. The salary for the adjunct instructor will be determined by the employing school district.