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ATTENTION MODERATE DISABILITIES PRELIMINARY LICENSE

CANDIDATES...In addition to satisfying subsection 5a of the regulations, which some of you have met already by completing our hour seminar series, and others will satisfy the requirement once you have enrolled in and completed French River's preliminary license seminar series that starts September 30, **you must also satisfy the requirements of 7.04, subsection 4a and 4b, which reads...**

4. Competency Review for candidates seeking the following licenses:
 - a. Teacher of students with moderate disabilities, teacher of students with severe disabilities, teacher of the deaf and hard-of-hearing, and teacher of the visually impaired.
 - b. Fields for which there is no subject matter test available.

The operative words are "Competency Review" and "fields for which there is no subject matter test available". Since there is no subject matter test, per se, for moderate disabilities preliminary license candidates, you must meet the Department of Education's competencies for moderate disabilities candidates by completing a sixty-hour seminar series (10 hours on each competency)---*in addition to the 30 hour seminar series we offer to satisfy subsection 5a*. Those six (6) competencies are as follows:

Competency Review Subject Matter Knowledge Competencies

(Source: Dept of Education, Office of Educator Licensure, December 1, 2008 memorandum)

"This memorandum is intended to provide assistance with satisfying the Competency Review requirements for special education licenses in accordance with the current Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval 603 CMR 7.00. Typically, a Competency Review is required for applicants seeking a Preliminary or additional Initial or Professional license in special education. The Competency Review is a process for determining whether the subject matter knowledge requirements for a license have been met in a field for which there is no subject matter knowledge test, and elsewhere as required within licensure regulations."

For Moderate Disabilities Preliminary License Candidates

Sixty-hour seminar series topics:

- Educational terminology for students with mild to moderate disabilities--**10 hours**



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- Preparation, implementation, and evaluation of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)--**10 hours**
- Design or modification of curriculum, instructional materials, and general education classroom environments for students with moderate disabilities--**10 hours**
- Federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to special education--**10 hours**
- Coverage of Knowledge of services provided by other agencies--**10 hours**
- Ways to prepare and maintain students with disabilities for general education classrooms--**10 hours**

Again, we have now been asked to develop a seminar series to meet the competency requirements for moderate disabilities candidates, so we are now in the process of developing this 60 hour seminar series and expect to offer it to candidates in April, 2010. The cost, for the entire 60 hour series, will be \$600 (or \$100 per 10 hour topic).