16 NCAC 06C .0365 is proposed for adoption as follows:

16 NCAC 06C .0365  NON-TEACHING WORK EXPERIENCE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATORS

(a) An educator may receive credit for non-teaching work experience earned while self-employed if it is verified by a tax attorney or an accountant who prepared the educator’s tax returns or by a company co-owner.

(b) An educator may receive credit for non-teaching work experience when it is determined to be relevant and directly related to the educator’s work assignment and license held.

(c) An educator may combine full-time non-teaching work experience of less than six calendar months in one fiscal year with another fiscal year of part-time or full-time non-teaching work experience to equal one year of experience credit.

(d) An educator may receive credit for one year of work experience for every two years of full-time relevant work experience completed prior to earning a bachelor’s degree.

(e) An educator may receive credit for one year of experience for each year of full-time relevant non-teaching work experience completed after earning a bachelor’s degree.

(f) For the purposes of this Rule, relevant non-teaching work experience shall be defined as professional work experience in public or private sectors that is directly related to an individual’s area of licensure and work assignment. Credit for non-teaching work experience is not transferable to other licensure areas for which the experience is not relevant. To be eligible for credit, the experience must meet the following criteria:

   (1) was at least half-time, which is defined as 20 hours or more per week;
   (2) was completed after age 18;
   (3) did not include on-the-job training; and
   (4) was paid and documented.

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