

## DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST FOR ADULTS

April 23, 2012

### Degree Requirements

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Speech and Language Pathology, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work or Therapeutic Recreation; **OR**
- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in an area not listed above **AND HAVE**
  - Completed a competency course jointly approved by the Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho Association of Developmental Disabilities Agencies that relates to the job requirements of a Developmental Specialist; **AND**
  - Passed a competency exam approved by the Department

### Experience Requirement

- A person must have a minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours of professionally supervised experience with individuals with disabilities

### Approved Course

- The Department approved course is a self-study called "Advancing Skills of Developmental Specialists" by Robert Morgan, Ph.D. and can be purchased as follows:
  - [trispedusu@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:trispedusu@aggiemail.usu.edu) or call
  - 1-877-722-3991
  - Cost: \$30.00

### Scheduling the Exam

- Contact Annette Wilkinson, Ph.D. at [wilkinsa@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:wilkinsa@dhw.idaho.gov)
- Testing is available in the following locations:
  - Region 1           Coeur d'alene
  - Region 2           Lewiston
  - Region 3 & 4       Boise
  - Region 5           Twin Falls
  - Region 6           Pocatello
  - Region 7           Idaho Falls
- Following the test, a letter will be sent to the individual taking the exam. This letter serves as proof that the individual is qualified to be employed as a Developmental Specialist for Adults. It is the responsibility of the individual to provide this proof to their employer.
- The Department does not issue certificates of completion