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Alternative Pathway to Eligibility Application

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SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Ms. _____

<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>M.I.</i>	<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>SUFFIX</i>
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RID Member/Non-member #: _____ Applying for: NIC SC:L OTC
 Certified member status (EIPA)

SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION

Unless otherwise requested in writing by you, most correspondence regarding your application and certification will be sent to you by e-mail.

This address is: Home Business

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFYING POINTS

An applicant must earn **a minimum of 75 TOTAL qualifying points** across the following five categories **to be eligible** for the alternative pathway **to take an RID interview/performance examination**. Each category is outlined in the corresponding sections of the application. The breakdown below illustrates the corresponding minimum points required and maximum points that can be earned in each category.

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Category #	Category Name	Minimum Requirement	Maximum Allowable
Category I	Formal Education	15	30
Category II	Work Experience	15	30
Category III	Relevant Training	15	30
Category IV	Professional Certifications	0	10
Category V	Leadership & Participation	0	10

75 TOTAL POINTS ARE NEEDED FOR ELIGIBILITY

CATEGORY I - FORMAL EDUCATION**MINIMUM POINTS 15 - MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

This category requirement is met by documenting formal academic study equaling a minimum of 15 to a maximum of 30 points in this category. **Applicants will receive one (1) point per credit hour earned for classes with a passing grade from any institution of higher learning.** Documentation must be a copy of college transcript(s).

GENERAL EDUCATION SUBJECT AREAS

English	Math	Social Sciences	Biological & Physical Sciences	Languages	Arts/Electives
pts	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts

Note: points must be earned in at least three (3) of the general education areas

Total Category I Points Earned (min 15) (max 30)

CATEGORY II - WORK EXPERIENCE**MINIMUM 15 POINTS - MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

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Employer's Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____
 Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Telephone Number _____
 Number of Years Employed _____ times **5 points** = **Points Earned**

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Total Category II Points Earned (min 15) (max 30)

CATEGORY III – RELEVANT TRAINING**MINIMUM 15 POINTS – MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

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INTERPRETING AND TRANSLITERATING-RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Educational Provider	Educational Activity	Location (City, State)	Date(s)	Clock Hour(s)

Please remember to attach documentation for all completed educational activities

Total Category III Points Earned (min 15) (max 30)

CATEGORY IV – PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM 10 POINTS**

Applicants can earn **five (5) points for having current, valid professional certification(s)** in a deafness-related field. Documentation must be in the form of a copy of a currently-valid certificate or verification letter.

Credential _____

Credential _____

Total Category IV Points Earned (min 0) (max 10)

CATEGORY V – LEADERSHIP & PARTICIPATION**MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM POINTS 10**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RID Board | Position: _____ | # of years _____ |
| | Region: _____ | # of years _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RID Committee Chair | Committee: _____ | # of years _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RID Committee Member | Committee: _____ | # of years _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Article(s) published in <i>VIEWS</i> or <i>JOI</i> (List edition(s)/Title(s) below) | | # of articles _____ |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

Total Category V Points Earned (min 0) (max 10)

Section 4: TOTALS & SIGNATURE

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| Total Category I Points Earned – Formal Education | (min 15) <input type="text"/> (max 30) |
| Total Category II Points Earned – Work Experience | (min 15) <input type="text"/> (max 30) |
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TOTAL QUALIFYING POINTS EARNED

I certify that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents are true, valid, and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any willfully false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements, claims, or documents are sufficient cause for revocation of my eligibility to take an RID performance test or, if certification has been awarded, for the termination of the certification.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

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	Bio & Phys Sciences	_____ credits		Total Cat III (15-30):	<input type="text"/>
	Languages	_____ credits	Cat IV	Number of certifications	_____
	Arts/Electives	_____ credits		Total Cat IV (0-10):	<input type="text"/>
	Total Cat I (15-30):	<input type="text"/>	Cat V	No. of ldrshp yrs/articles	_____
				Total Cat V (0-10):	<input type="text"/>
				Total Qualifying Pts (min 75):	<input type="text"/>

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Name: Mr. Ms. John R. Doe
FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME SUFFIX

RID Member/Non-member #: 15550 Applying for: NIC SC:L OTC
 Certified member status (EIPA)

SECTION 2: CONTACT INFORMATION

Unless otherwise requested in writing by you, most correspondence regarding your application and certification will be sent to you by email.

This address is: Home Business

Street Address: 123 Fake St.

City: Des Moines State: IA Zip: 50301

Telephone: 515-555-1234 Fax: N/A E-mail: jdoe@yahoo.com

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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBJECT AREAS

English	Math	Social Sciences	Biological & Physical Sciences	Languages	Arts/Electives
3 pts	3 pts	3 pts	4 pts	0 pts	6 pts

Note: points must be earned in at least three (3) of the general education areas

Total Category I Points Earned (min 15) **19** (max 30)

CATEGORY II - WORK EXPERIENCE**MINIMUM 15 POINTS - MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

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Employer's Name John Doe Qualifying Occupation Educational Interpreter

Supervisor's Name J Ark Supervisor's Telephone Number 515-555-1235

Number of Years Employed 5 times **5 points** = **Points Earned**
25

Employer's Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Telephone Number _____

Number of years employed _____ times **5 points** = **Points Earned**

Employer's Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Telephone Number _____

Number of years employed _____ times **5 points** = **Points Earned**

Employer's Name _____ Qualifying Occupation _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Telephone Number _____

Number of years employed _____ times **5 points** = **Points Earned**

Total Category II Points Earned (min 15) **25** (max 30)

CATEGORY III – RELEVANT TRAINING**MINIMUM 15 POINTS – MAXIMUM 30 POINTS**

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INTERPRETING AND TRANSLITERATING-RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Educational Provider	Educational Activity	Location (City, State)	Date(s)	Clock Hour(s)
<i>Sorenson</i>	<i>Interpreting 101</i>	<i>Cedar Rapids, IA</i>	<i>5/22/06</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Sorenson</i>	<i>Interpreting 201</i>	<i>Cedar Rapids, IA</i>	<i>6/22/06</i>	<i>16</i>

Please remember to attach documentation for all completed educational activities

Total Category III Points Earned (min 15) **32** (max 30)

CATEGORY IV – PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**MINIMUM 0 POINTS – MAXIMUM 10 POINTS**

Applicants can earn **five (5) points for having current, valid professional certification(s)** in a deafness-related field. Documentation must be in the form of a copy of a currently-valid certificate or verification letter.

Credential ***Federal Court Interpreter Certification*** Credential _____

Total Category IV Points Earned (min 0) **5** (max 10)

Applicants can earn **one (1) point per year of leadership served and one (1) point per article published in VIEWS**. Points are available only for the following documented leadership and participation activities within the five-year period preceding the date of completing this application. The only documentation needed is a copy of any articles published.

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| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

Total Category V Points Earned (min 0) **0** (max 10)

Section 4: TOTALS & Signature

Total Category I Points Earned – Formal Education (min 15) **19** (max 30)

Total Category II Points Earned – Work Experience (min 15) **25** (max 30)

Total Category III Points Earned – Relevant Training (min 15) **32** (max 30)

Total Category IV Points Earned – Professional Certifications (min 0) **5** (max 10)

Total Category V Points Earned – Leadership & Participation (min 0) **0** (max 10)

TOTAL QUALIFYING POINTS EARNED **81**

I certify that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents are true, valid, and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any willfully false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements, claims, or documents are sufficient cause for revocation of my eligibility to take an RID performance test or, if certification has been awarded, for the termination of the certification.

Applicant Signature John Doe **Date** 5/22/09

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Cat I	English	_____ credits	Cat II	Number of yrs employed	_____
	Math	_____ credits		Total Cat II (15-30):	$\times 5$ _____
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	Bio & Phys Sciences	_____ credits		Total Cat III (15-30):	$\times 1$ _____
	Languages	_____ credits	Cat IV	Number of certifications	_____
	Arts/Electives	_____ credits		Total Cat IV (0-10):	$\times 5$ _____
	Total Cat I (15-30):	_____	Cat V	No. of ldrshp yrs/articles	_____
				Total Cat V (0-10):	$\times 1$ _____
				Total Qualifying Pts (min 75):	_____

Alternative Pathway to Eligibility Application

Guide to Filling out the Form

Section 1: Personal Data

Name: Write in your first name, middle initial, last name, and any post-nomial abbreviations or numbers that are a part of your legal name (Jr., II, etc.).

RID Member/Non-member #: Write in your RID membership number. If you do not remember your membership number, go to www.rid.org, log onto your account (using the e-mail address that is on file and your password), and click on “Manage Your Profile.” Your account number is listed at the top of the page. If you are unable to log onto your account, please call the RID National Office at 1-703-838-0030 and press 1 for Member Services. If you are not a member and wish to take advantage of our membership discount, log onto www.rid.org, click on “Member Center” and then click on “Apply for RID Membership” (found on the left).

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- 2) EIPA interpreters who hold the Ed:K-12 credential and would like to become certified members of RID.

Please mark the coordinating box.

Section 2: Contact Information

This address is: Home – Business: Indicate whether the address you are providing is your home or business address by marking the appropriate box.

Street Address, City, State, Zip: Write in your complete and current address.

Telephone, Fax, E-mail: Write in the best phone number by which to reach you, a fax number (if you have one), and the e-mail address to which you would like RID to send all testing-related information.

Section 3: Eligibility Requirements & Qualifying Points

Category I – Formal Education

Requirements: You must have at least 15 points in this category and you may earn a maximum of 30 points.

General Education Subject Areas: Enter the number of credit hours you have earned under the appropriate subject area. Refer to the General Education Subject Area Sample Course Classifications sheet. If you still have questions about which subject area your class(es) fall under, please call the RID National Office at 1-703-838-0030 and press 2 for Pre-test Questions or e-mail the Certification Department at certification@rid.org for guidance.

Please note that if you have fewer than 15 credit hours or if your earned credit hours do not cover at least three (3) subject areas, you do not meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility.

Documentation: Attach a copy of your college transcript(s).

Category II – Work Experience

Requirements: You must have at least 15 points in this category and you may earn a maximum of 30 points.

Employer’s Name: Write in the name of the company, educational institution, organization, or individual for whom you work(ed).

Qualifying Occupation: Write in your job title.

Supervisor’s Name: Write in the first and last name of the person who is/was your supervisor.

Supervisor’s Telephone Number: Write in a phone number by which we can reach your supervisor (or previous supervisor) during work hours.

Number of Years Employed: Write in the whole number of years you worked full time.

Points Earned: Multiply the number of years worked by five (5) and write this in the points earned box. You will be able to claim up to six (6) years of full-time interpreting work. If you have worked fewer than three (3) years as a full-time interpreter, you do not meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility.

Documentation: Attach either a copy of your end-of-year tax document (please blot out your social security number) or a letter from your employer(s) verifying your job title, length of tenure, and full-time status for the job(s) listed on the application.

Category III – Relevant Training

Requirements: You must have at least 15 points in this category and you may earn a maximum of 30 points.

Educational Provider: Write in the name of the organization, educational institution, or individual who sponsored the training.

Educational Activity: Write in the title of the activity.

Location: Write in the city and state where the activity took place.

Date(s): Write in the date or dates during which the activity took place.

Clock Hour(s): Write in the number of actual hours you participated in the educational activity.

If you have fewer than 1.5 CEUs (15 hours) from an RID Approved Sponsor in the last five (5) years, you do not meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility.

Documentation: Attach a copy of your RID CEU transcript. If there is an activity that is not yet documented on your transcript, provide the letter of completion that your RID Sponsor issued you. This should include the number of clock hours you completed.

Category IV – Professional Certifications

Requirements: There is no minimum for this category and you may earn a maximum of ten (10) points. You can earn five (5) points for having current and valid professional certification in a deafness-related field and can receive credit for up to two (2) certifications. This would include state certifications, EIPA, RID certifications, etc.

Documentation: Attach a copy of your certificate(s) or a letter from the certifying organization verifying your certification status.

Category V – Leadership & Participation

Requirements: There is no minimum for this category and you may earn a maximum of ten (10) points. You can earn one (1) point for each year of volunteer work on the RID Board of Directors or as an RID Committee Chair or Member. You can earn one (1) point for each article you have written (published) in *VEWS* or the *Journal of Interpretation (JOI)* within the last 5 years.

Documentation: If you have published an article, please attach a copy of the article. No documentation is needed for RID volunteer positions.

Section 4: Totals & Signature

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Totals: Enter the points earned from each category in their respective boxes. Add them up and enter the grand total in the “Total Qualifying Points Earned” box.

Signature & Date: Using a pen, please sign the form to certify that you have completed the application truthfully to the best of your knowledge, then date the application.

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Please do not write in the “For Administrative Use Only” sections. These areas will be used by the RID Certification staff.

Submitting the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility Application

It is recommended that you send your application with the ability to track it. Please send your completed application to:

RID
Attn: Certification & Ed. Dept.
Alternative Pathway
333 Commerce Street
Alexandria, VA 22310

You will receive an e-mail from the Certification & Education Department with your eligibility status approximately 2-4 weeks after your application has been received.

Alternative Pathway to Eligibility Application

Frequently Asked Questions

1. General
2. Educational Requirements
3. Filling out the Alternative Pathway Application
4. Submitting the Alternative Pathway Application
5. Alternative Pathway Eligibility Results

GENERAL

Q: Why must I have a minimum of an associate's degree to take the NIC, SC:L, or OTC Interview/Performance Exams after June 30, 2009?

A: The RID Membership took a huge stride in elevating the profession of sign language interpreting when they passed motion C 2003.05 at the 2003 RID National Conference in Chicago. This motion mandated that after June 30, 2008, all hearing interpreters must hold a minimum of an associate's degree, in any field, to take the NIC, SC:L, and OTC Interview/Performance Exams. (A degree is not required for the NIC, SC:L, and OTC Written/Knowledge Exams.)

It was recognized that some system of “equivalent alternative criteria allowable in lieu of the educational requirements” was needed for interpreters who had many years of experience and expertise, yet who did not have a degree in higher education. Upon nearing the requirements deadline, it was realized that more time was needed in developing the requirements for the Alternative Pathway, so the deadline was reset to June 30, 2009.

Q: I'm an EIPA interpreter. Do the new educational requirements apply to me?

A: Yes, EIPA interpreters who hold the Ed:K-12 credential and would like to become certified members of RID must meet either the educational requirements or the Alternative Pathway requirements.

Q: What is the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility?

A: The Alternative Pathway is a system that measures a combination of qualifications that can be collectively considered an acceptable substitute for the new educational requirements. The Alternative Pathway uses a point system that awards credit for college classes, years of full-time interpreting work, interpreter-related training, professional interpreting certifications, and specific volunteer services to RID (including articles published in *VIEWS* or the *Journal of Interpretation*).

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Q: I do have a 2-year degree (associate's degree), but it has nothing to do with sign language or interpreting. Would this satisfy the educational requirements?

A: Yes, if you have a college degree that is an associate's degree or higher, no matter what your major was, it will satisfy the educational requirements.

Q: I completed a certificate program from a business college. Would this satisfy the educational requirements?

A: Not by itself. Only an actual associate's, bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree automatically fulfills the educational requirements. You will need to see if you can gain eligibility through the Alternative Pathway.

Q: I have a 4-year degree (bachelor's degree). Does this satisfy the educational requirements?

A: Yes.

Q: I already passed the NIC Written/Knowledge Exam, but I am not yet eligible to take the interview/performance exam. How long do I have to acquire at least an associate's degree or meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility?

A: You have 5 years from passing the written/knowledge exam to take the coordinating interview/performance exam. This also applies to the SC:L and OTC exams.

Q: I took my NIC Written/Knowledge Exam last year. I will be graduating from a two (2) year interpreter training program in 6 months. I would like to take the NIC Interview/Performance Exam right now, while everything is fresh in my mind. Can I go ahead and take the exam and then send in a copy of my transcript after graduation?

A: No, you must have officially completed your associate's degree for it to be counted toward the educational requirements. You will need to see if you can gain eligibility through the Alternative Pathway if you want to apply for the performance exam before you graduate.

Q: I currently hold an RID certification, but I don't have a college degree. Does that mean I will lose my certification after June 30, 2009?

A: No, as long as you maintain your RID membership status and continue earning the 8 CEUs appropriate to your certification during each consecutive 4-year cycle, you will continue to hold your current certification. The new educational requirements only apply to: 1) individuals who do not hold an associate's degree or higher and who wish to apply to take the NIC, SC:L, or OTC interview/performance exams, and 2) EIPA interpreters who hold the Ed:K-12 credential and would like to become certified members of RID.

Q: I am already RID certified. I heard there would be grandfathering for the degree requirements, so am I exempt from the requirements?

A: There will be no grandfathering for the educational requirements. If you want to take the NIC, SC:L, or OTC Interview/Performance Exam after June 30, 2009, you will need to have at least an associate's degree or successfully meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility.

Q: I have NIC Advanced certification and would like to re-test to try for NIC Master certification. Since I already hold an NIC certificate, will I still need an associate's degree to take the NIC Interview/Performance Exam again?

A: Yes, regardless of certifications already held, all applicants for the NIC, SC:L, and OTC Interview/Performance Exams must have at least an associate's degree or meet the requirements of the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility in order to satisfy the educational requirements after June 30, 2009.

Q: Do I need to send in an Alternative Pathway to Eligibility form in order to take the NIC Written/Knowledge Exam?

A: No, anyone may take the NIC Written/Knowledge Exam. There are no changes to the requirements for taking written tests. This also applies to the SC:L and OTC exams.

Q: I am ready to take the CDI Interview/Performance Exam. Do I need to have an associate's degree?

A: No, the new educational requirements that go into effect on June 30, 2009 only apply to the NIC, SC:L, and OTC interview/performance exams. You will need to have an associate's degree to take the CDI Interview/Performance Exam after June 30, 2012.

FILLING OUT THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY APPLICATION

Q: I have taken more than 15 hours of ASL classes at a local community college. Does that satisfy the formal education category?

A: No, you must have a minimum of 15 credit hours that include classes from at least three (3) of the six (6) General Education Subject Areas. If you have only taken classes in one (1) subject area, that does not satisfy the formal education category.

Q: What should I do if I run out of room on the form?

A: Simply add the extra information to another sheet of paper and include it with your application.

Q: What are General Education Subject Areas?

A: There are six (6) General Education Subject Areas: English, Math, Social Studies, Biology & Physical Science, Languages, and Arts/Electives. A minimum of 15 credit hours of classes in at least three (3) subject areas shows that an applicant has taken liberal arts classes over a broad range of subjects, which ensures they are widening their general knowledge base and becoming more educationally rounded.

Q: What if I don't have all the documentation asked for on the application?

A: Where documentation is required, RID can only give you credit for documented items.

Q: What qualifies as an interpreter-related educational activity?

A: For the purposes of the Alternative Pathway, any educational activities offered by RID Approved Sponsors qualify to earn you points in the Relevant Training Category.

Q: I took a great interpreting workshop at my local college last year. Would this workshop count in the "Relevant Training" section of the Alternative Pathway application?

A: Only educational activities that are offered by an RID-approved Sponsor can earn eligibility points toward "Relevant Training."

Q: I volunteered at the last RID conference. Can I earn points for that?

A: We greatly appreciate your contribution to the RID conference! However, for the purposes of Alternative Pathway eligibility, only volunteer work as a Chair or Member of the RID Board of Directors or an official RID Committee can earn eligibility points.

SUBMITTING THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY APPLICATION

Q: If I send an original certificate or transcript, can RID send them back to me after reviewing my application?

A: Please do not send originals! Send only copies for documentation. RID will not return any part of applications received.

Q: I finished most of my application and am waiting for my college to send me a transcript. Can I send my application to RID now and then send a copy of my transcript after it arrives?

A: No, send only completed applications with full documentation. Incomplete applications will be discarded. And please keep a copy of your application!

Q: Once I have filled out the Eligibility Application, where do I send it?

A: Please send your application to:

RID
Attn: Cert. & Ed. Dept.
Alternative Pathway
333 Commerce Street
Alexandria, VA 22310

Q: Can I send my application by fax or as an e-mail attachment to expedite processing?

A: No, we are only accepting hard-copy applications at this time.

Q: Should I send my application with some form of tracking?

A: Yes, we recommend that you send your application with the capability to track it.

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY ELIGIBILITY RESULTS

Q: How long will it take for RID to process my application and how will I find out whether or not I meet the Alternative Pathway requirements?

A: After RID has received your application, it will take approximately 2-4 weeks for processing. You will receive an e-mail from the Certification & Education Department with your eligibility status. Please make sure you have provided a current, valid, and legible e-mail address on the application!

Q: If I am approved, what are the next steps?

A: If you are approved to take an interview/performance exam, please proceed by completing the application and submitting the exam fee as you normally would.

If you are approved to become a certified member of RID who holds the Ed:K-12 credential, we will send you relevant membership and certification maintenance information by postal mail in 2-4 weeks.

Q: If I am disapproved, how soon can I apply for the Alternate Pathway again?

A: You are welcome to apply for the Alternative Pathway as often as you wish.

General Education Subject Areas Sample Course Classifications

<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Social Sciences</u>	<u>Biological & Physical Sciences</u>	<u>Languages</u>	<u>Arts/Electives</u>
English Composition Journalism Other writing classes Speech Oral Communication English Literature British Literature Other English classes	Algebra I/II Trigonometry Calculus Statistics Accounting Other maths	Psychology Sociology Anthropology Philosophy Economics Humanities Histories Western Civilization Government/Politics Studies of cultures: African Amer. Asian Deaf Women etc... Domestic Violence Parenting Today Orientation to Deafness Child Development Other Social Sciences	Natural Science Environmental Studies Biology Genetics Immunology Forensics Anatomy & Physiology Astronomy Chemistry Physics Other biological & physical sciences	Linguistics ASL Spanish German French Greek Latin Chinese Japanese Other languages	Art History Theatre/Acting Dance Music Physical Education/Health Other arts Focused/technical studies: Legal Studies Law enforcement Criminal Justice Computer Studies Information Technology Business Management Finance Human Resources Education Engineering Medical Studies Veterinary Studies Other focused/technical studies