

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Summary of Clinical Teacher Preparation Model Sites

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) is pleased to announce that an RFP has been issued and proposals are currently under review for the establishment of two clinical sites for teacher preparation in Kentucky. The RFP solicits applications from Kentucky public higher education institutions and P-12 school districts to develop, implement, and evaluate model clinical teacher preparation programs. The competition will focus on two partnerships between a public university and a middle or high school, one in a large school district and another in a smaller school district.

Kentucky is ideally situated to develop model programs that are designed to improve P-12 student and teacher education candidate learning, facilitate the placement of teacher candidates in model P-12 settings, and provide professional development for pre-service and practicing teachers. On September 19, 2011, the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) endorsed the recommendations of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) report, *Transforming Teacher Education through Clinical Practice: A National Strategy to Prepare Effective Teachers*, which calls for dramatically different models/strategies for preparing teachers in clinical settings. The EPSB also voted to become a state partner in NCATE's Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation, which is committed to transforming teacher education programs into clinically-based models. The complete Blue Ribbon Panel report can be viewed at <http://www.ncate.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=zzeiB1OoqPk%3d&tabid=715>.

With this agreement, Kentucky became the 10th state in the nation to support this effort. During the same timeframe, the EPSB developed and approved revisions to 16 KAR 5:040 that mandate changes to the admission, placement, and supervision of student teachers in approved teacher preparation programs.

Funded by an appropriation from the General Assembly to support the implementation of 2009's Senate Bill 1, the CPE will be supporting these sites with \$350,000 per site in fiscal year 2013 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2014. The review committee will consist of two classroom teachers (one a member of the EPSB), a principal, a superintendent, a member of the CPE, and staff from each of the three education agencies. The RFP can be viewed at the following link: <http://cpe.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/173B1ED3-EBE4-4631-B31B-56B99204AE71/0/RFPClinicalSitesCombinedwithSchoolDistricts.pdf>.

Funding decisions will be announced at the April meeting of the CPE.