

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Consent Item:

Northern Kentucky University: Approval of Proficiency Plan

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve Northern Kentucky University's submitted proficiency plan.

Rationale:

The proposed educator preparation program follows the regulatory requirements for program approval as established by the EPSB.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the proficiency plan submitted by Northern Kentucky University?

Applicable Statutes and Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, 16 KAR 2:010, 16 KAR 5:030

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.028 and KRS 161.030 require that educators and other professional school personnel hold certificates of legal qualifications for their respective positions to be issued upon completion of programs of preparation. The traditional means of recognizing competency and proficiency for educator preparation is by earning academic credits. 16 KAR 5:030 provides an alternate means for recognizing competency and proficiency other than academic credit. This regulation outlines the criteria for an educator preparation provider (EPP) to submit a plan for EPSB approval that sets forth the process by which the EPP will conduct proficiency evaluations. The regulation became effective in August 2018. The Guidelines for Approval of Proficiency Evaluation Plans were presented to the EPSB during its December 2018 meeting. In June of 2019, Northern Kentucky University received approval for proficiency programs for Initial Undergraduate Certification Only Programs: Art, Elementary, English, Health, Integrated Music, Learning and Behavior Disorders, and Initial Graduate Certification Only Programs: Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth Science, English, French, German, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Mathematics, Middle School English, Middle School Mathematics, Middle School Science, Middle School Social Studies, Physical Education, Physics, Social Studies, Spanish and Advanced Certification Only Programs: Art, Biological Science, Chemistry, ESL Endorsement, Earth Science, Elementary Math Specialist, English, Environmental Education, French, German, Gifted Education, Health, Instructional Computer Technology, Integrated Music, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Learning and Behavior Disorders, Mathematics, Middle School English, Middle School Mathematics, Middle School Science, Middle School Social Studies, Moderate to Severe Disabilities, Physical Education, Physics, Reading, Social Studies, Spanish and Other School Professional Certification Only Programs: Director of Pupil Personnel, School Counselor, School Principal, School Superintendent, and Supervisor of Instruction.

Summary: Northern Kentucky University is requesting approval for its proficiency evaluation plan for the initial graduate certification only program, Moderate to Severe Disabilities.

The submitted proficiency adequately addresses the components of the application which includes:

1. Identification of the programs for which it intends to have proficiency as a pathway to certification.
2. Description of the process to evaluate a candidate's proficiency, who is involved in the process, and the process used to measure the applicable performance-based standards.
3. Description how candidates will demonstrate meeting the admission criteria of 16 KAR 5:020 as applicable.
4. Identification of the requirements candidates must demonstrate before being exited from the program. A description of how the exit requirements will be demonstrated is included as well as the process by which the EPP will report candidates in the EPSB Admission/Exit System.
5. Inclusion of a Sample Employment Eligibility letter.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness staff have reviewed the submitted documentation and finds it meets the requirements for approval.

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