

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Consent Item:

Request for SARA approval of Lake Erie College's Initial Certification Programs as Submitted.

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve Lake Erie College's initial programs as submitted through the SARA process.

Rationale:

Lake Erie College has met the EPSB's requirements under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for program approval. Those requirements include state, regional and CAEP accreditation; demonstration that the programs of preparation are not based solely upon the completion of a written or verbal assessment; compliance with the program admission requirements established in 16 KAR 5:020. Initial programs must also demonstrate compliance with 16 KAR 5:040 as it relates to the admission, placement and supervision of teacher educator candidates in student teaching, subject to the field experience limitations set forth under SARA.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the initial programs submitted by Lake Erie College?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, 16 KAR 2:010, 16 KAR 4:020, 16 KAR 5:020, 16 KAR 5:040

History/Background:

Existing Policy: Beginning December 1, 2016, Kentucky became a member of SARA. This agreement among member states, districts and territories establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and is administered by four regional education compacts (i.e, SREB). In order for the Board to approve educator preparation programs that are NC-SARA members, located out-of-state and offered exclusively online, the educator preparation program has to demonstrate compliance with the applicable Kentucky requirements.

Summary: Lake Erie College is requesting approval for the following programs:

Initial Undergraduate Programs (Bachelor of Education):

Elementary Education K-5

Learning and Behavior Disorders P-12

Lake Erie College is currently accredited with stipulations at the initial licensure level by CAEP through December 2025. As evidenced by the application, Lake Erie College is recognized to

grant degrees by the Ohio Department of Education. Successful program completion includes the following: successful completion of all coursework on the Degree Completion Plan, minimum 2.75 GPA requirement, passing scores on Kentucky certification assessments, Kentucky field experience requirements, disposition checks, and a portfolio which consists of multiple assignments, videos, photographs, licensure test reports, training certificates, unit plan, lesson plans, student work samples, and resume. Candidates seeking Kentucky certification will review The Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel. Candidates are assessed on the following dispositions: social responsibility, commitment, reflection, integrity, and professionalism. A copy of the application is included in the Board Meeting Materials ta

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Staff has reviewed Lake Erie College's application and determined that they have met the requirements for approval.

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