

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Consent Item:

University of the Cumberlands Program Approval: School Counselor

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve the University of the Cumberlands' School Counselor programs.

Rationale:

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

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the educator preparation programs submitted by the University of the Cumberlands?

Applicable Statutes and Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, 16 KAR 3:060, 16 KAR 5:010, 16 KAR 9:080

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.028 and KRS 161.030 require the EPSB to establish curricula for educator preparation programs in Kentucky and approve such programs for Educator Preparation Providers. The Educator Preparation Branch and the Program Review Committee evaluated the program review documents submitted for approval against performance-based program certification guidelines established by the EPSB and the requirements of 16 KAR 5:010 and 16 KAR 3:060. The program proposal meets all the requirements set forth by the EPSB.

Summary: The University of the Cumberlands is requesting program approval for School Counselor Master's Degree, Alternative Route for School Counselor Certification Grades P-12, KPGP Rank II Provisional Certificate for School Counselor and School Counselor Specialist Degree, Alternative Route for School Counselor Certification Grades P-12, KGCST Rank I Standard Certificate for School Counselor. The University of the Cumberlands has an already approved School Counselor Master's Program and is requesting to add the School Counselor Master's Program Alternative Route for School Counselor Certification Grades P-12, KPGP Rank II Provisional Certificate. The University of the Cumberlands also has an already approved School Counselor Specialist Degree Program and is requesting to add the School Counselor Specialist Degree Alternative Route for School Counselor Certification Grades P-12, KGCST Rank I Standard Certificate. The new program options will enhance the already existing programs without adding any new courses or expenses.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

OELE staff have reviewed this program proposal and previously approved program options and determined that the program meets the requirements for approval.

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