

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Consent Item:**

Western Kentucky University Program Approval: Family and Consumer Science

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve Western Kentucky University's Family and Consumer Sciences program as recommended by the Program Review Committee.

#### **Rationale:**

The submitted programs have demonstrated compliance with the EPSB regulations for admission and standards alignment. The proposed educator preparation programs follow the appropriate regulations (16 KAR 5:010; 16 KAR 2:010) outlining program requirements for program approval as established by the EPSB. The programs have completed the review process and received a recommendation for approval from the Program Review Committee

#### **Applicable Statutes and Regulation:**

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

#### **Action Question:**

Should the EPSB approve the Family and Consumer Sciences program submitted by Western Kentucky University?

#### **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. The program proposal meets all the requirements set forth by the EPSB.

**Summary:** Western Kentucky University is seeking approval for Family and Consumer Sciences. This program is being offered as a traditional Master of Arts in Teaching, Option 6, and Proficiency Evaluation. The Family and Consumer Sciences program prepares graduates to assume the positions of family and consumer science educators in middle and secondary schools.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

#### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

OELE staff and the Program Review Committee have reviewed this program proposal and determined that the program meets the requirements for approval. The program has completed the review process and received a recommendation for approval from the Program Review Committee per 16 KAR 5:010.

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