

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Consent Item:

Western Kentucky University Program Approval: English as a Second Language

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve Western Kentucky University's English as a Second Language programs as recommended by the Program Review Committee.

Rationale:

The submitted programs have demonstrated compliance with the EPSB regulations for admission and standards alignment requirements. 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, 16 KAR 9:080

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve English as a Second Language programs 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 an English as a Second Language Master of Arts in Teaching program through both the Traditional and Option 6 pathways. The university also requests to offer this program through the proficiency evaluation. The proposed English as a Second Language programs will help meet the increasing demand for English as a Second Language instructors in Kentucky.

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 programs meet the requirements for approval. The proposal 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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