

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 8:010. Request to Allow Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling for Rank I for Leslie Wood

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the applicant's request to allow the completed coursework to meet the requirements for Rank I?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.1211, 16 KAR 8:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.1211 sets the standards for Rank I for certified educators as a master's degree in a subject field approved by the EPSB, thirty additional semester hours of approved graduate work, or equivalent continuing education. 16 KAR 8:010, requires the completion of approved graduate level credit or approved equivalent for issuance of Rank I.

Summary: Leslie Wood has a professional certificate for Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD), Grades P-12 and an endorsement for Gifted Education, All Grades. She also holds a bachelor's degree in LBD and a master's in general education. Ms. Wood states she completed a second master's degree in clinical mental health counseling, an 80-hour program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). She does not hold school counselor certification, and this program is an out-of-state program that is not approved by the EPSB. Ms. Wood is requesting that the EPSB grant her Rank I based on this program.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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