

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Consent Item:**

Kentucky Wesleyan College: Approval of the Learning and Behavior Disorders Initial Undergraduate, Traditional Route Program.

#### **Staff's Recommendation:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve Kentucky Wesleyan College's Learning and Behavior Disorders program as recommended by the Program Review Committee.

#### **Rationale:**

The submitted programs have demonstrated compliance with the EPSB regulations for admission and standards alignment requirements established in 16 KAR 2:010. 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 the Learning and Behavior Disorders program submitted by Kentucky Wesleyan College?

#### **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. Staff within the Division of Educator Preparation and Certification as well as the Program Review Committee evaluate program review documents submitted for approval against performance-based program certification guidelines established by the EPSB.

***Summary:*** Kentucky Wesleyan College is seeking approval for a Learning and Behavior Disorders Initial Undergraduate program in order to address the shortage of teachers for the impacted student population. Given the current shortage of special educators in Kentucky, it is important to have programs for initial certifications for Learning and Behavior Disorders. This program will improve Kentucky Wesleyan College's ability to serve the needs of individuals seeking initial teacher certification as well as increase the number of certified teachers available for employment.

Staff within the Division of Educator Preparation and Certification as well as the Program Review Committee evaluated program review documents submitted by Kentucky Wesleyan College against performance-based program certification guidelines established by the EPSB and

determined that this proposal meets all requirements set forth by the EPSB.

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

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

Staff within the Division of Educator Preparation and Certification have reviewed this program proposal and determined that the program meets the requirements for approval. This program proposal also has completed the review process and received a recommendation for approval from the Program Review Committee pursuant to 16 KAR 5:010, Section 22.

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