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PREPARATION POINTS

NEW YEAR

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A new year is always a special time: A time of hopes, resolutions, and opportunities yet to come. We reflect on the successes of 2016, and look forward to 2017 as a year of promise, driving ambition, and excellence in the service we provide Illinois institutions of higher education and their students who are pursuing licensure. Our relationships with institutions of higher education are valued, and through continued communication, collaboration and perhaps some humor, we will have a thriving, successful, exciting, and highly rewarding 2017.

NEW WEBSITE

The agency launched the new redesign of its website December 22, 2016. The redesigned ISBE website features content organized and prioritized by user interest and includes enhancements such as easier readability on mobile devices and greatly improved search functionality. A new brief “How to navigate the new website” video is located under the “Current Topics” section on the new draft homepage to

assist users to find the most common agency pages.

Prior to the launch, the Division of Educator Effectiveness held a webinar that gave external stakeholders a “first look” at the website live. The webinar allowed stakeholders an opportunity to see where the most frequented documents are located prior to the launch. The webinar was recorded and can be found [here](#).

This is a dynamic process and we are in a learning mode. Thank you for your patience, innovation, diligence, and passion. Feedback regarding the [Educator Licensure Pages](#) (Licensure, Renewal & Reinstatement, and Educator Preparation Providers & Stakeholders) can be sent to: licensurewebfeedback@isbe.net

LICENSURE OFFICER UPDATES

Middle Grade Webinar

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will record and post a Middle Grade Presentation for educators, administration, ROEs/ISCs, licensure officers and other stakeholders to access. This

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resource will further elaborate on the new requirements, example scenarios and frequently asked questions from the field. This webinar will be posted [here](#) by the end of the month!

Please Note: This is not a live webinar only an additional resource ISBE will provide. Registration is not applicable.

2016 Fall Webinars

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) hosted a series of 2016 Fall Licensure Officer Webinars. The recorded webinars, presentations and Q&A documents can be found [here](#).

IHE Direct Phone Line

The Center for Educator Effectiveness will no longer have a direct phone line for institutions of higher education. Licensure officers and institution representatives are encouraged to contact their assigned liaison.

Out-of-State Test of Basic Skills

For candidates that come to an Illinois IHE that have taken an OOS test of basic skills, it may be honored if used for licensure in another state. Please advise the candidate to create an ELIS account, complete form 80.02 or form 80.03 whichever is applicable.

As a licensure officer, you may scan in the form and then simply email your ISBE liaison to notify them the documentation has been uploaded. Your ISBE liaison will review and upload the test into the testing section of the candidate's ELIS account.

LEGISLATION/RULE

Senate Bill 2912

Proposed by the Illinois State Board of Education on February 18, 2016, this bill has many changes that affect both Illinois prospective, current and out-of-state (OOS) educators who seek Illinois licensure. The following are highlights of the changes that became effective January 6, 2017. A complete summary can be found [here](#).

- All tests are valid indefinitely
- Content tests taken in another state or country will be honored if required for licensure
- ELS-PEDU issued with OOS license and bachelor's degree
- **(New) Provisional In-State Educator:** An ELS-PEDU may be awarded to an individual who has completed an Illinois approved teacher education program, but has not yet passed the edTPA. It is valid for one year (full fiscal year), and cannot be renewed.
Educator must:
 - hold a bachelor's degree,
 - passed the test of basic skills,
 - passed the appropriate content test, and
 - receive a minimum edTPA score (yet to be determined).
- New fee for Substitute license-\$50.00
- Teacher Leader Endorsement: In lieu of required coursework, educators may be eligible to demonstrate competencies. Competencies are generally demonstrated through experiences.
- Prorated professional development required for renewal for retired educators

23 Illinois Administrative Rule

Rules implemented August 9, 2016 have impacted the requirements for program changes and approval, ultimately affecting the format of program proposals. All program proposal documents have been revised to reflect the rule changes and posted [here](#). A summary of the changes to Part 25 are highlighted below. Click [here](#) for Rules currently in effect.

Part 25, Section 25.110: Definitions

- A definition for Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation [CAEP] definitions was provided.

Part 25, Section 25.115: Recognition of Institutions and Educator Preparation Providers

- Recognition of an institution automatically results in recognition of the educator preparation provider (EPP)
 - Previously known as the "unit" under NCATE
- Not-for-profit institutions need to meet the definition of "institution" in Rules
- Revised Process for Institution Recognition (summarized below):
 - Institution submits letter notifying intent to seek recognition
 - Institution submits institutional report (IR) to ISBE (all previous reports have been combined into one).

Click here to find previous issues of Preparation Points.

- Institution submits program proposal(s) once report is adequate.
- ISBE may schedule on-site review if it deems the visit necessary.
 - Final report written by ISBE staff or on-site review team. ISBE staff recommends approval or denial to SEPLB.
- SEPLB review IR, program proposals, site visit report (if applicable) and recommend approval or denial to State Board.
- Recognition is valid for 7 years and conforms to state reporting requirements.
 - Institution must go through a process for continued-recognition every 7 years.

Part 25, Section 25.120: Initial Approval of Education Preparation Programs by the State Board of Education

- Shortage and Conceptual Framework requirements removed.
- Assessment requirement simplified.
- Standards required have been clarified to include both state AND national content standards, CAEP standards, SEL standards, and IPTS.
- Program proposals include new requirement that institution demonstrate how candidates gain experience with technology relevant to the profession.

Part 25, Section 25.125: Accreditation of Educator Preparation Providers and Approval of Educator Preparation Programs through CAEP

- Institutions that are recognized in IL and offer at least one preparation program that has been approved by SEPLB for a year or more may choose to seek accreditation of the EPP and all preparation programs it offers through CAEP.
 - Steps institution must take are detailed in this section. Must follow reporting listed under “Review of EPPs Beginning December 1, 2018.”

Part 25, Section 25.127: Reporting: Review of State Reauthorized Educator Preparation Providers and Individual Programs

- Programs must submit proposed changes 60 days prior to the proposed change taking effect. ISBE staff will review changes and make recommendation to SEPLB. SEPLB will make recommendation to State Board to accept, modify, or reject changes.
- EPP change from CAEP accreditation, or vice versa, ISBE must be notified.

PROGRAM APPROAL

Alternative Educator Program Proposal

A program proposal has been created for those institutions that are interested in offering an alternative educator program. Please note that the proposal includes all requirements for an alternative educator program and institutions should then modify it to include the type of alternative program they wish

to propose (i.e. early childhood, elementary, middle grades, secondary, K-12, PK-21).

Middle Grade “Fast Track” Program Proposal

On Friday, October 7, 2016 SEPLB approved the MG Fast Track Proposal. This program proposal may be used by institutions that have a middle grades program proposal already approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and are seeking to offer a Middle Grades program outside the four core areas (Language Arts, Social Science, Science and Math).

For SEPLB approval, the “Fast Track” program proposal must be submitted with the Middle Grades Program Proposal that was originally approved, including any appendices.

Please note for institutions submitting “New” Middle Grades Programs, this Fast Track proposal does not need to be completed in addition to the Middle Grades Proposal. There is an area on the Middle Grades Proposal for institutions to indicate coursework in areas outside the four core areas.

Program Change Notification Form

Per 25.127, institutions must submit program changes 60 days prior to implementation of the change. A new form was created to assist institution in their submission. The form allows institutions to include changes, not limited to:

- Mode of delivery
 - Please note: If the proposed mode of delivery change includes 50% or more courses within an approved

program, a new program proposal is required.

- Adding/Removing courses
- Title/Numbers
- Adding an additional foreign language program.

Click [here](#) to view the program change notification form.

Program Discontinuation Form

Per 25.115, institution must submit notice of discontinuation of an approved program no later than 30 days prior to taking actions.

Click [here](#) to view the program discontinuation form.

Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP)

In order to advance the work of educator preparation programs statewide, The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is embarking on a significant effort to strengthen data collection, sharing and reporting. The Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP), a steering committee consisting of a diverse team of stakeholders representing the state, will provide input and guidance in the design and content of ISBE's revised accountability and program improvement system for teacher preparation. The goal of this new system is to ensure that all novice teachers in Illinois are ready to support student learning upon entering the classroom, and that data is used as a tool for continuous improvement to strengthen teacher preparation statewide.

The following documents have been added as resources for those institution participating in the pilot.

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Data Elements
- Data Collection Template
- Data Dictionary

PREPARATION STAFF

The Division of Educator Effectiveness is excited to announce the addition of two new Preparation Staff members. Brianne Dilbeck and Jeff Seiler have joined our staff January 3, 2016. They are anxious to provide quality service to institutions of higher education and stakeholders. Look for their "ISBE Spotlight" in future editions of Preparation Points!

Our Preparation Team is now fully staffed with the addition of Brianne and Jeff. In the upcoming months, institutions of higher education and licensure officers may see a shift in assignments of their ISBE liaison.

Division Supervisor

Cristina (Tina) Dimmitt-Salinas was promoted September 1, 2016 to the Division Supervisor position for the Division of Educator Effectiveness. She primarily oversees the preparation staff and will continue to serve all institutions of higher education! She is already embracing her new role and is excited for the new opportunities 2017 brings.

ISBE CLOSINGS:

Labor Day
Monday, September 5, 2016

ILLINOIS STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD MEETINGS

September 9, 2016
9:00am-4:00pm

October 7, 2016
9:00am-4:00pm

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
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The Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) supports a system of preparing and certifying (licensing) teachers, administrators and school service personnel that reflect the highest standards and best practices to meet the educational needs of every child in the State of Illinois.

For prior SEPLB meeting agendas and minutes [click here](#).

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