

Iowa License

Please read the email listed below from the Iowa Representative. Thoroughly read and understand the enclosed Out-of State Application checklist and the application process listed on the Iowa-BOE web site http://www.boee.iowa.gov/seeking_teaching.html. Only send WSU Certification Officer the first two pages of the form and the highly qualified form. WSU Teacher Preparation Programs do cover the standards that the Iowa Representative has listed below; however, WSU cannot guarantee that all Iowa standards will be met. WSU can sign if candidates meet all of the MN requirements. Do not send the WSU Certification Officer the pages with the Teaching endorsement codes (we already have these documents).

Sincerely, Paula O'Malley, WSU Education Certification Officer pomalley@winona.edu

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Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 11:55 AM

To: OMalley, Paula J

Subject: RE: Iowa testing

Hi Paula,

If they are coming to Iowa, they will need to get a Minnesota license first, so they will need to complete all requirements for Minnesota licensure including the required MN tests.

We will only require the two Praxis II tests and not additional basic skills

testing. Iowa does not require middle level minors with the elementary license.

Each teacher preparation program varies enough that there are not exact courses that I can name that are commonly deficient for MN candidates, however, the most common deficiencies for all candidates (nationwide) are as follows:

- Exceptional learner (special education and talented and gifted)
- Computer Technology Related to Education
- Reading in the Content Area
- Human Relations (non-biased classrooms/diversity)

A regional exchange license can be issued if there are a few coursework deficiencies. We are unable to issue a temporary license if they do not pass their Praxis II however.

Best regards,

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TO: Institutes of Higher Education outside the State of Iowa

FROM: Duane Magee, Executive Director – Iowa Board of Educational Examiners

SUBJECT: 2012 Iowa Legislative Session – Practitioner Preparation Program Assessments

In May of 2012, new statutory requirements for Practitioner Preparation Program Assessments were signed into law in the state of Iowa. These new requirements are listed below in the amended Iowa Code (256.16, subsection 1 paragraph a, (2)):

“Administer, prior to a student’s completion of the practitioner preparation program and subject to the director’s approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning. A student shall not successfully complete the program unless the student achieves scores above the twenty-fifth percentile nationally on the assessments administered pursuant to this subparagraph.”

The Iowa Department of Education will begin enforcement of this provision effective January 1, 2013. The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners is currently developing a rule for out-of-state applicants that will reflect this new assessment requirement. The proposed rule states that candidates from outside of Iowa graduating after January 1, 2013 requesting Iowa licensure will also be subject to the new Iowa assessments requirements. **There will be no provisional or temporary licensure given to those who have not met the Iowa assessment requirements.**

The assessment that has been chosen is Praxis II. It is important to note that candidates will be required to take two tests, one in pedagogy and one in content. No candidates are required to take more than two tests. The pedagogy test is the ETS Principles of Learning and Teaching test. There are four grade level versions of the test. Candidates will choose the grade level most appropriate for their preparation level. Candidates will choose a content test according to their major content area of preparation for licensure. Candidates adding endorsements will not be tested on additional endorsements. For instance, an elementary education major adding a special education endorsement will take the appropriate PLT pedagogy assessment and the 0014/5014 Elementary Education: Content Knowledge assessment. This candidate will not take a test in special education content.

For a list of the required assessments and passing scores, go to the Iowa Department of Education website, (www.educateiowa.gov), click “A-Z index”, choose “P”, then “Practitioner Preparation”.

Please address questions to Dr Larry Bice in the Department of Education, or Joanne Tubbs in the Board of Educational Examiners. Dr. Bice can be reached at 515-725-0101 or larry.bice@iowa.gov. Ms. Tubbs can be reached at 515-281-3611 or joanne.tubbs@iowa.gov.

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