

VSBPE

Date: Sept 8, 2021

Item: Castleton New ECE/ECSE Program ROPA Report

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the ROPA Report and subsequent recommendation from the team that reviewed Castleton's new ECE/ECSE program, and grant Two-Year Conditional Approval to Castleton for that program?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE approve the ROPA Report from the team that reviewed Castleton's new ECE/ECSE program, and grant Two-Year Conditional Approval to Castleton for that program.

BACKGROUND: The VSBPE approved a team to review Castleton's new ECE/ECSE program. The review was conducted virtually in July, and the ROPA Report was sent to Castleton on Aug. 3. On Aug. 26th, Castleton submitted follow-up documentation showing how they had met the four stipulations listed in the ROPA Report. The ROPA Coordinator reviewed this documentation and sent her findings to the rest of the team, who agreed with her determination that all stipulations except for one had been satisfied. The ROPA Coordinator then had a meeting with the team from Castleton to discuss the one remaining stipulation. At that meeting, Castleton revised their chart of field experiences to ensure that all practica hours were accounted for during the program.

RATIONALE: Castleton presented adequate evidence of having met the ROPA Standards, Core Teaching Standards, and endorsement requirements in their new ECE/ECSE program. The program does have several concerns that are listed in the ROPA report that will need to be met by Sept. 30, 2023, but overall, the review team recommends that the Board grant Two-Year Conditional approval to the program.