

EPIC Annual Report: VLP Statewide Calibration System

To: Vermont Standards Board of Professional Educators (VSBPE)
From: Educator Preparation Inquiry Collaborative (EPIC), Executive Committee
Date: June 4th, 2019
Re.: Summary of 2018-2019 Activity and Information about Non-substantial Wording Changes to the VLP

2018-2019 Accomplishments

For the 2018-2019 academic year, EPIC organized another year of exciting work among the Educator Preparation Programs as colleagues in the Vermont Licensure Portfolio (VLP) Statewide Calibration System. In July of 2018 we began our third year of implementation of the (VLP) (after the 2015-2016 pilot year). During the 2018-2019 academic year we conducted a [Professional Learning Session](#); we convened a Statewide Common Scoring Session, we collected [feedback toward edits](#) to the VLP and proposed those edits to the EPIC community during the EPIC [Annual Conference](#) on May 29th, 2019. Summaries of these events can be found directly below.

- August 2018: Edits to the VLP were made and the VLP website was updated. All edits were communicated via email to all EPPs with highlighted changes.
- Fall 2018: Meetings of the EPIC Executive Committee to plan for a fall PL session were held.
- Fall 2018: Professional Learning Session was held at Middlebury College. This session included an overview of the VLP and its grounding in theory; teaching and assessing Description, Analysis and Reflection; aligning evidence; cross program sharing; addressing questions and needs; and collecting feedback toward future edits/revisions.
- Fall 2018: Statewide Common Scoring Session:
 - At the time, there were 16 VLP implementing institutions;
 - 12 institutions submitted Part II samples (75% participation rate); one submitted 2 samples; some institutions might not have had a sample ready to submit;
 - 10 of the 13 samples were usable; some were incomplete or garbled due to digital transfer issues;

- 18 Peer Reviewers attended the Session; 9 samples were reviewed during the session;
 - 1 submitted after the session;
 - 2 reviews remains pending; these will be reviewed over the summer;
 - Reviewed the analysis & findings during the Annual Conference;
 - Sent letters of participation to each EPP;
- February 2, 2019: Submitted a [Letter of Explanation](#) about EPIC to the AOE for the VSBPE, in relation to the General Council's suggestion.
 - April/May 2019: Via survey, we collected feedback on edits to the VLP from all of the Preparation Programs and organized the feedback into suggested edits, as well actionable items
 - May 14, 2019: Met with Patrick Halliday and Terry Reilly to review EPIC's role in the Statewide Calibration System; discussed the possibilities of forming a no-cost contract with the AOE to formalize this work.
 - May 29th, 2018: At the 4th EPIC Annual Conference (please see the [agenda](#)) we opened with a welcome, conducted three roundtable sessions centered on the themes of Research/Teacher Preparation, Technicalities of our Work, and Assignments/Evidence; we presented the findings from the Fall 2018 Statewide Common Scoring Session; we conducted a Business Meeting of EPIC representatives where we discussed all non-substantial edits and came to agreement; we listened to and asked questions of a student panel; and we looked forward to the next steps in our work together.

Next Steps

- June 4th, 2019: After the collaborative work of the 2018-2019 Academic Year, members of the EPIC Executive Committee will present a summary to the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators. Included in this summary will be edits that were unanimously approved by EPIC representatives. All edits are considered non-substantial and, therefore, do not need to be voted upon by the VSBPE.
- June/July 2019: The EPIC Executive Committee will revise the appropriate VLP documents and website to reflect the vote of the Collaborative. We will communicate with Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) in time for fall 2019 implementation.
- June/July 2019: The EPIC Executive Committee will establish dates for the 2019-2020 Calibration Sessions.
 - This year we will conduct a Professional Learning Session in fall 2019;

- In late 2019 and early 2020, we will organize and conduct a Statewide Common Scoring Session of Part II submissions from each EPP;
- We will convene the EPIC Annual Conference in May 2020.

Wording Changes to the VLP (approved by EPIC representatives)

Based on the input from the EPP community, a review by the EPIC Executive Committee, and a vote by the EPIC Membership, EPIC is informing the VSBPE of the non-substantial edits included in the attached material and linked above.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

The EPIC Executive Committee

Attachments:

EPIC Letter of Explanation

Annual Conference Agenda

Suggested Edits to the Vermont Licensure Portfolio