

VSBE

Date: May 20, 2021

Item: NVU Substantive Change Requests

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve Northern Vermont University's substantive change requests: the first, to teach out NVU-Lyndon's current Elementary Education program, including the special education and early childhood concentrations available to students in that program, and offer the current NVU-Johnson Inclusive Childhood Education program across both campuses beginning Fall 2021; and second, to unify the Lyndon and Johnson programs for all ROPA considerations?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve NVU-Johnson's substantive change requests: the first, to teach out NVU-Lyndon's current Elementary Education program, including the special education and early childhood concentrations available to students in that program, and offer the current NVU-Johnson Inclusive Childhood Education program across both campuses beginning Fall 2021, with the final candidates in the current Lyndon program being recommended for licensure no later than May 31, 2023; and second, to unify the Lyndon and Johnson programs for all ROPA considerations.

BACKGROUND: Any approved educator preparation program that seeks to substantively change that program must first get approval from the VSBE. NVU has been working towards merging their education department programs since the two colleges merged in 2018. These two requests represent the final piece of that merger, at least as far as ROPA and the VSBE is concerned.

RATIONALE: The office has reviewed the proposed changes and find them to be well-reasoned and supported by documentation, and with no adverse effects to candidates going through the programs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: NVU Substantive Change Reports I and II.