

VSBPE

Date: March 28, 2018

Item: Praxis Requirement for Educator Preparation Programs

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE clarify the requirement for Educator Preparation Programs to require candidates to pass Praxis Core and Praxis II prior to recommending them for licensure?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE clarify the requirement for Educator Preparation Programs to require candidates to pass Praxis Core and Praxis II, if it is required for the endorsement, prior to recommending them for licensure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there is a lack of common understanding among EPPs as to whether or not they are required to ensure that candidates have passed all necessary Praxis tests for their endorsement prior to recommendation for licensure. When the AOE reached out to License Officers to inquire about their current practice, one person replied that they are having a lot of internal debate about it and would appreciate clarification.

RATIONALE:

Per Rule 5211.2 Approved educator preparation and alternate route to licensure programs shall ensure that all general licensure competencies (if appropriate), specific endorsement competencies and additional requirements, if any, and other licensure requirements in effect on the date of application for program approval are addressed for each candidate in the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Current practice of Vermont IHE for Praxis Core and Praxis II

List of current Vermont EPP's Praxis practices

Vermont IHE Requirements for Praxis Core and II before Recommending for Vermont Licensure

Does Not Require Praxis	Requires Praxis Core Only	Requires Praxis Core and Praxis II
TAP	Lyndon* UVM^ VTC	Castleton Champlain College of St. Joseph Goddard Green Mountain College Johnson Norwich° Peer Review Spark St. Michael's**

* LSC also requires passing a minimum of two sections of Praxis II.

^ UVM requires Praxis II for all secondary education candidates.

° Norwich requires both for two of their three programs – but only Core for PE recommendation

** SMC reports that they require both Core and II but if Praxis hasn't been passed, they will stamp the transcript indicating All But Praxis completed.

Have not heard back from Middlebury, UVEI, or VCFA.