

## **VSBE**

**Date:** May 20, 2021

**Item:** UVM Request for Approval of Reformatted Computer Science Program

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBE approve UVM's request for approval of a reformatted version of its approved Computer Science Education program?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBE approve UVM's request for approval of a reformatted version of its approved Computer Science Education (CSE) program.**

**BACKGROUND:** UVM received two-year Conditional approval for their Computer Science program in May, 2020. They plan on continuing the program in its approved state, and **would** like approval to offer a certificate program to currently licensed teachers in a reformatted timeframe, over two summers and one academic year, and be able to recommend those completers for an additional endorsement in Computer Science Education.

**RATIONALE:** The Office was not clear originally if this constituted a substantive change request (although the original program is not changing), or if it called for a complete new program review, or if it was already covered under UVM's current program approval. After the ROPA Coordinator's careful review of the documentation submitted, including a comparison of this program with their already-approved one, and multiple conversations between the ROPA Coordinator and Regina Toolin, the professor and head of the CSE program at UVM, we have determined that this program is a close replica of their currently-approved one. It has just been reformatted to meet the needs of already-licensed educators. The documentation shows how all of the competencies for the endorsement will be met through the program. Therefore, we recommend that the Board extend UVM's Computer Science approval to encompass this certificate program for currently licensed educators.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

UVM's request document