

VSBPE

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Item: Should the practice of the endorsement School Psychologist (66) be considered teaching experience?

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE instruct the Agency to revise all Rules associated with the endorsement School Psychologist (66) to include now being a teaching endorsement?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators consider revising Rules that now exclude the endorsement School Psychologist from being considered teaching experience.

BACKGROUND: At the last meeting (March 12, 2019), the proposed Rule changes revision document was presented to the VSBPE. Agreement could not be reached regarding the practice of School Psychologists (66) counting as teaching experience. Further discussion was recommended before moving forward with revisions to current Rules.

RATIONALE: Current requirements to become a School Psychologist:

- Currently not listed as an endorsement considered teaching experience – Rule 5150
- Currently exempt from meeting Rule 5233 (Student Teaching)
- Currently exempt from meeting Rule 5235 (Core Teaching Standards)
- Currently exempt from meeting Rule 5240 (Core Praxis Series and Praxis II) See Rule 5246.
- Above applies to Transcript Review Process also.

Currently:

- Allowed to apply for an administrator endorsement – Director of Special Education – therefore will be evaluating other endorsements considered “teaching experience”.

Questions for Consideration:

- 1) Given the definition (see below) of “teaching experience” does a School Psychologist’s practice come under this definition?
- 2) Should an endorsement not currently considered “teaching experience” be able to hold an administrator endorsement and evaluate other teaching endorsements when not having to document knowledge or proficiency of the Core Teaching Standards?
(Note: The revision committee for the administrator endorsements did not raise any issues with a School Psychologist holding the Director of Special Education, but the above points were not discussed.)
- 3) Should School Psychologists be held to the same requirements as an Educational Speech Language Pathologist?

Current Rule 5150 – “Teaching Experience”:

“Teaching Experience” in reference to administrative endorsements, refers to number of years where the majority of time is assigned to furnish to learners direct instructional or other educational services under an endorsement for which demonstration of competency with the Vermont Core Teaching Standards is requisite.

Endorsement areas for educators whose employment is considered teaching experience	
02 Art	81 Intensive Special Education Teacher
03 Business Education	61 School Librarian
17 Career Technical Education	11 Mathematics
73 Career Technical Education School Counseling Coordinator	19 Middle Grades
87 Career Technical Education Special Needs Coordinator	06 Modern and Classical Languages
14 Computer Science	12 Music
38 Dance	08 Physical Education
10 Design and Technology Education	78 Reading/English Arts Coordinator
30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-class and in-vehicle instruction)	76 Reading/English Language Arts Specialist
36 Early Childhood Education	64 School Counselor
80 Early Childhood Special Education	13 Science
42 Educational Technology Specialist	15 Social Studies
00 Elementary Education	82 Special Educator
05 English	85 Special Education Consulting Teacher
40 English Language Learner	67 Teacher of the Visually Impaired
09 Family and Consumer Sciences	68 Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
31 Health Education	37 Theater Arts

Endorsement areas for educators whose employment is NOT considered teaching experience
<i>84 Educational Speech Language Pathology ??????</i>
30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only)
16 Junior ROTC Instructor
65 School Nurse
65A Associate School Nurse
66 School Psychologist
54 Social Worker
60 Work-based Learning Coordinator

Current Rule 5231.7

5231.7 Applicants for: Drivers Education (in vehicle), Educational Speech Language Pathology, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, School Nurse, Associate School Nurse, Junior ROTC Instructor, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, endorsements need not meet the requirements of sections 5233 and 5235 of these rules. However, individuals holding endorsement(s) in one or more of these

areas who do not have documentation of the required student teaching or administrator experience (5233) and cannot demonstrate competency with the Core Teaching or Leadership Standards (5235), must meet these requirements in order to qualify for additional endorsements in any other teaching or administrative area.

Current Rule 5246:

5240 Exemptions. Candidates meeting the following criteria shall be exempt from the examination requirements set forth in these rules:

5240.1 The following endorsements shall be exempt from the Praxis Core testing requirements for initial licensure:

30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education (in-vehicle instruction only)	66 School Psychologist
16 Junior ROTC Instructor	54 Social Worker
65 School Nurse	60 Work-based Learning Coordinator
65A Associate School Nurse	