

VSBE

Date: Aug. 11, 2022

Item: Champlain College New Computer Science Educator Program Application

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve Champlain's application for a new program ROPA review of their Computer Science Educator program?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve Champlain's application for a new program ROPA review of their Computer Science Educator program.

BACKGROUND:

Champlain College is known for its computer science programs, and adding this option for their candidates who are in that field could help increase the number of new teachers coming out of Champlain, which could help to address the current teacher shortages. In addition, as stated in the application, there is only one other Computer Science Education program in the state currently.

Their application is complete and shows they have done a thorough job planning for the implementation of this program, with one exception which is currently being corrected- the necessity for student teaching for all licensure candidates. The licensure officer at Champlain is revising the Institutional Portfolio that was submitted to reflect the addition of that required internship and the practicum which must precede it.

This review will tentatively take place at the end of January if the Board approves of this application.