

VSBPE

Date: April 4, 2019

Item: Vermont College of Fine Arts Teach-Out Plan Application

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve VCFA's Teach-Out Plan to close their ROPA-approved MAT program in Art Education?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE approves VCFA's Teach-Out Plan to close their ROPA-approved MAT program in Art Education.

BACKGROUND:

Vermont College of Fine Arts was approved to offer an MAT in Art Education that would lead to a recommendation for licensure. In October, 2018, Jennifer Skinder from VCFA wrote to the Office to say that they had decided to close the program and to ask for information on how to proceed with the Teach-Out Plan. The Plan to close the program and support the four candidates who are currently enrolled in it was submitted in February, 2019.

RATIONALE:

All four candidates currently enrolled in the program are on track to graduate in August 2019. VCFA has submitted all of the required information to ensure they have notified the current students of the plan to close the program and detailing how they will be supporting the candidates as they complete the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT: VCFA Teach-Out Plan



February 11, 2019

Ellen Cairns
Vermont Agency of Education
219 Main Street
Barre, VT 05641

Dear Ms. Cairns,

Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA) has made the difficult decision to close our approved teacher licensure Master of Arts in Teaching program. This decision was made after much consideration and in response to low enrollment in successive years.

There are currently 4 students enrolled in the MAT program. These 4 students are on track to graduate in August 2019.

Jennifer Skinder, Program Director for Graduate Studies in Art & Design Education will be responsible for managing the closing process.

The college will not be admitting any students to the MAT program in 2019. We understand our responsibilities to complete Title II HEA reporting during the year following the program closure. We also understand our responsibility to provide a Teach Out plan (attached).

Sincerely,

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Matthew Monk, Academic Dean

cc Jennifer Skinder



February 11, 2019

Part B
Teach Out Plan

- **Name of program:** Master of Arts in Teaching in Art & Design Education (MAT)
- **Number of candidates included in plan:** 4
- **Program Licensing Officer:** Jennifer Skinder
- **Administrator responsible for managing Plan:** Jennifer Skinder
- **Timeline for informing students of closure:** Students were informed that they would be the final graduating class in summer of 2018
- **Plans to provide candidates with information about opportunities to meet licensure requirements:** Students are on track to complete licensure. 3 of 4 completed student teaching at the end of 2018. The 4th student will complete student teaching at the end of February 2019. The program is closely monitoring student progress and maintaining a high level of involvement with faculty and students to ensure successful completion
- **Individual candidate plans to complete all licensure requirements:** See individual letters (attached)
- **Plans to redirect candidates who are not able to meet all licensure requirements within the timeframe:** VCFA will work with identified schools in each students' home state to establish relationships for transfer and completion. States of student residence are Washington, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont. Please note- all students are on track and show no indication of needing extra time.
- **Date that program will cease recommending candidates for licensure:** August 31, 2019



January 7, 2019

Tara Brown
324 S 43rd Street, 1R
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Tara,

As you know, VCFA will be closing the MAT program at the end of August 2019. This program closure will not affect the validity of your transcript or teaching license if you complete all requirements and are recommended for licensure. VCFA remains open and continues to be recognized as a leader in graduate arts education.

This letter is written to provide you with accurate information about the closing of the program and the timeline within which you may meet all graduation and licensure requirements.

Current MAT students need to complete all licensure requirements including coursework, VLP, and state required testing by August 31, 2019. After that date, VCFA can not guarantee recommendation for licensure. For students who are unable to meet this timeline, VCFA will work with you on an individual basis, and may contract with an identified school in your home state to allow you to complete licensure requirements there.

You have met your testing requirements for licensure. You are on track with your practicum and coursework. You continue to perform at a high level in courses and in your student teaching placement. I anticipate no issues, and am confident that you will complete all required work within the timeline above.

Please review this letter and sign below to acknowledge receipt, keeping a copy for your records and returning the signed copy to me.

I'll follow up with a phone conversation in which I'll hope to address any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Skinder, Program Director

Signature

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Date 1/25/2019



January 7, 2019

Andrea Giaier
5910 NE Mason Street
Portland, OR 97218

Dear Andrea,

As you know, VCFA will be closing the MAT program in August 2019. This program closure will not affect the validity of your transcript or teaching license if you complete all requirements and are recommended for licensure. VCFA remains open and continues to be recognized as a leader in graduate arts education.

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You are on track with coursework and practicum requirements. You continue to perform at a high level in courses and excelled in your student teaching placement. You have not met your testing requirements for licensure with at this time. You have passed your Art Content Praxis with a score of 179. You submitted an ACT composite score of 17 in place of Core Content Praxis I. The testing requirement for Vermont licensure is an ACT composite score of 22. You will need to pass the Core Content Praxis I, or a comparable test, before VCFA can recommend you for licensure. Please communicate, in writing, your timeline for completing this testing.

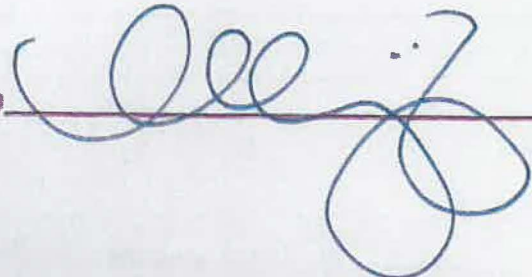
Please review this letter, signing below to acknowledge receipt, keeping a copy for your records and returning the signed copy to me.

Please let me know if you'd like to schedule a time to discuss and questions or concerns

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Skinder, Program Director

Signature  Date 1.21.19

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January 7, 2019

Deirdre Czoberek
204 North Fifth Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Deirdre,

As you know, VCFA will be closing the MAT program at the end of August 2019. This program closure will not affect the validity of your transcript or teaching license if you complete all requirements and are recommended for licensure. VCFA remains open and continues to be recognized as a leader in graduate arts education.

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You have met your testing requirements for licensure. You are on track with your practicum and coursework. You continue to perform at a high level in courses and in your student teaching placement. I anticipate no issues, and am confident that you will complete all required work within the timeline above.

Please review this letter and sign below to acknowledge receipt, keeping a copy for your records and returning the signed copy to me.

Please let me know if you'd like to schedule a conversation to address any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Skinder, Program Director

Signature

Date

1-9-19



January 7, 2019

Whitney Bacheider
5227 Route 14
Wrasburg, VT 05645

Dear Whitney,

As you know, VCFA will be closing the MAT program at the end of August 2019. This program closure will not affect the validity of your transcript or teaching license if you complete all requirements and are recommended for licensure. VCFA remains open and continues to be recognized as a leader in graduate arts education.

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You are on track with your practicum and coursework. You continue to perform at a high level in courses and in your student teaching placement and you have completed all testing requirements. We have every confidence that you will complete all requirements within the set timeframe.

Please review this letter and sign below to acknowledge receipt, keeping a copy for your records and returning the signed copy to me.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Skinder, Program Director

Signature Whitney Bacheider Date 2/3/19

VCFA MAT Teach-Out Addendum

Timeline for 2019 Vermont Licensure Portfolio completion and MAT Graduation:

Portfolio:

Students are currently enrolled in ADE 581 MAT Licensure Portfolio Seminar. This course meets as a group weekly from January 6 through February 25, 2019. Students work independently with faculty support from February 25 through the course end on May 14, 2019.

Vermont Licensure Portfolios (VLP) will be submitted for review at any point after February 25, and no later than May 14, 2019.

Once a VLP is submitted for review, faculty reviewers have two weeks to score the portfolio returning it for revisions, or recommending the student for licensure.

Graduation Requirements:

In order to graduate, MAT students must have completed 53 credits, successfully completed a Student Teaching Practicum, submitted a Vermont licensure portfolio, and presented a 1 credit Capstone exhibition during Graduation Residency.

Graduates will return to campus on July 31 to mount an exhibition showing documentation of student art work created during the Student Teaching Practicum.

Additionally graduates will present a short talk to the community on August 2, describing their growth as an artist-teacher and explaining their teaching philosophy.

Students who have completed all of the above, graduate on August 3, 2019 in Montpelier.