

VSBPE

Date: May 8, 2018

Item: UVM Request of One Year Waiver of Praxis II Requirement

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE grant a waiver to UVM to continue to recommend graduates for Vermont licensure before they have passed their required Praxis II exam until May 2019?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE in making their decision consider the impact on current educator preparation programs that have been implementing this requirement and if the VSBPE's decision is to allow a May 2019 implementation for UVM identify if the other programs not in compliance are to be extended the same waiver.

BACKGROUND:

There had been a lack of understanding around the Praxis requirement prior to recommendation for licensure, and this was brought to the VSBPE for clarification at their meeting on March 28, 2018. The VSBPE voted to clarify the requirement that had been in place in 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.) but not consistently adhered to across Educator Preparation Programs. The Office sent a notice to the EPPs that adherence to the Rule would be required starting June 1, 2018. Ellen Baker at UVM submitted the following waiver request.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT: UVM's Waiver Request

Making Difference

The University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services (CESS)

April 12, 2018

To the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators
Program Approval Committee

Dear Colleagues,

The College of Education and Social Services at the University of Vermont recently received the communication regarding N21 and 5211.2. It was stated in the email that “*educator preparation programs and alternative programs are required to ensure that graduates have passed any and all Praxis tests required for their endorsement prior to affixing the Recommended for Licensure stamp to their transcripts or letters of recommendation.*”

In the past the Education Preparation Programs at UVM (with the exception of Secondary Education) have not required the appropriate PRAXIS II examination in order to recommend our candidates for licensure. This is due to the fact that we have a large percentage of out of state candidates who go directly to other states for their endorsement and license.

Since this was not in place in the past in our college, we are asking for a waiver for our December 2018 graduates since they were not notified and would need more time to prepare for the PRAXIS II examination. We intend to fully comply with this requirement beginning with our May 2019 graduates.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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