

Michigan Department of Education
Professional Preparation and Development Unit Update
October 1, 2004

New Consultant!

- Please join us in welcoming Dr. Steve Stegink to our unit as a higher education consultant. Steve has assumed responsibilities for the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification and for the review of science and mathematics programs (more content areas to be added later). He has been employed as a secondary science teacher, a professor of biology and science education, a district science curriculum specialist, a district school improvement supervisor, and (most recently) an assistant principal in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Specialty Preparation Standards and Endorsement Changes

- Standards for the preparation of teachers in the following disciplines were recently approved: Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology (GQ), April 2004; Marketing Education (GM) (also note name change from “distributive” to “marketing”, April 2004; Music education (JQ), May 2004; World Languages, July 2004; Bilingual Education, July 2004; English as a Second Language (NS), July 2004; Agriscience and Natural Resources (HX), September 2004); and Work Experience standards for vocational programs, September 2004. The new standards are available on the web: http://michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5234_5683_6368-24835--,00.html (Bonnie Rockafellow and Sue Wittick)
- New vocational codes for Vocational Hospitality, Vocational Health Sciences, Vocational Child Care, Vocational Cosmetology, Vocational Law Enforcement/Fire Science, and Vocational Teacher Cadet were approved by the SBE on April 13. (Sue Wittick)
- Content requirements for the new Teacher Cadet endorsement were approved by the SBE in September 2004.
- Work will be continuing on the development of standards for early childhood education and elementary programs (Bonnie Rockafellow); environmental science and environmental studies (Steve Stegink and Sue Wittick); math specialist (Steve Stegink); and Guidance and Counseling (Sue Wittick)
- For reference, an updated copy of the following document will be sent with this DARTEP Update: [Timeline for Response to SBE Adoption of Teacher Preparation Standards/Guidelines for Endorsements on Michigan Teaching Certificates, 1997-2004.](#)

Changes in Titles of Vocational Education Teaching Certificate

- In September 2004, the State Board approved a change in the name of the “Temporary Vocational Authorization” to “Interim Occupational Certificate.”

Initial and Periodic Specialty Program Approval

- Volunteers are needed to assist with the review of specialty programs in all areas. A volunteer form is available on the web: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Reviewer_RegForm6_66740_7.03.doc (Bonnie Rockafellow, Steve Stegink, Sue Wittick)

Future Periodic Review

- The MACTE conference planned for October 11th at UM-Dearborn will feature presentations from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education

Accreditation Council (TEAC). By November 15, 2004, institutions will be asked to indicate if they plan to seek accreditation from these organizations or if they will be seeking state review of their teacher education units. (Catherine Smith)

- A committee to develop a survey of candidates after student teaching is meeting later in October at Wayne State University.

Teacher Mentoring and Induction

- The new teacher induction resources and mentor materials are nearing completion. The first of three regional conferences designed to prepare education personnel as advocates for dynamic learning communities and mentors to new teachers during the induction period will occur in Lansing on January 21-23, 2005. Information will be available soon to the education community with guidelines for submitting the names of team members for this conference.

Updating the Entry-Level Standards for Michigan Teachers

- Several changes to wording throughout the Entry-Level Standards for Michigan Teachers (ELSMT) are being considered to better integrate topics related to technology and to the inclusion of students with disabilities. (Bonnie Rockafellow)

Michigan Test for Teacher Certification

- A standard setting conference will be held by National Evaluation Systems on October 28th for the Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space Science, Economics, and Basic Skills Writing tests. (Steve Stegink)
- Test item development conferences will be held by National Evaluation Systems December 1-3 for the Physical Science (DP), Music Education (JQ), Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology (GQ); Marketing Education (GM); and Dance (MH) tests. Participants for higher education and k-12 education are needed. A Nominee Form is sent with this DARTEP Update. Contact Steve Stegink or National Evaluation Systems personnel.
- A current MTTC “Test Updating Schedule” will be sent with this DARTEP Update.
- The 2002-2003 MTTC Performance Report to SBE is available on the OPPS website at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MTTC_Performance_Report_2002-2003_103937_7.pdf

First Aid and CPR

- First Aid/CPR guides for institutions and teacher candidates will be posted on the web as soon as they are completed. Institutions are reminded that **candidates recommended** to the Office of Professional Preparation Services **after July 1, 2004 are required** to complete coursework in first aid and CPR. The CPR training must cover both adults and children (not infants).
- At this time, the only approved suppliers of coursework are the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

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