

Michigan Department of Education
Office of Professional Preparation Services
DARTEP Update
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Followup from Dean's Meeting

If anyone has additional comments or questions regarding the items discussed during the November 30th Deans meeting with the State Superintendent, please contact Dr. John VanWagoner at VanWagonerJ@michigan.gov.

Review of Specialty Programs

Our office is in the process of revising the Application for Approval of Specialty Programs for Teacher Education. The process of revision is intended to better align application requirements to Administrative Rule and the accreditation process. Our office will be hosting a series of online technical assistance videos regarding the process. Institutions interested in piloting the process can do so at this time. Please contact Mr. Thomas Bell at bellt1@mi.gov for more information. We anticipate this process being available for all programs sometime in Spring 2012.

Implementation of Approved Elementary Certification Programs:

As institutions will likely be approved to offer proposed elementary certification programs at various times after February 2011, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) online published timeline for implementation does not include an explicitly stated deadline for admitting elementary teacher candidates to "old" elementary programs. Considering that the current elementary education Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) test #083 will no longer be offered after July 2013, institution's may want to begin advising elementary candidates and applicants they will need to plan to complete the current elementary education program's academic coursework during 2012. Based on an institution's knowledge of the typical time taken by elementary candidates to complete the academic coursework related to the MTTC #083, the institution should produce its own deadline for admitting candidates to the institution's "old" elementary education program. Institutions may find it useful now to begin publishing that the institution and the MDE are in a transition period of implementing new SBE Standards for Elementary Certification. Current and new elementary education candidates should be advised to anticipate current published courses are subject to change during the transition period and a new test will replace the current test for October 2013 administration. Any institutions yet to complete a program review against new standards, please contact Mr. Thomas Bell as soon as possible to discuss a projected timeline of review.

Social Studies

Similar to Elementary Certificate program review, institutions not being recommended for approval through the first round of applications will have two years to complete a response document, however keep in mind a new test will be in place October 2013 and all candidates taking the new test should be taking coursework which aligns to the new standards.

Industrial Technology and Technology and Design Standard Development

The Industrial and Technology Education (IX) standards were approved at the April 12, 2011 SBE meeting. The MDE will begin to work with Evaluation Systems group of Pearson (Evaluation Systems) to begin the timeline for test development. Institutions wishing to offer or to continue to offer must complete program applications by May 2012.

Announcement from Secretary Duncan

The U.S. Department of Education hosted a webinar on Friday September 30 to discuss a "New Approach to Teacher Education Reform and Improvement". For more details on the speech please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/new-approach-teacher-education-reform-and-improvement>

To view the PowerPoint: <http://tinyurl.com/DOEteacherprep>

Michigan Test for Teacher Certification

ALERT: Institutions are reminded not to accept MTTC score reports delivered by test takers. If a test taker is not on a score report roster received through secure electronic delivery or direct mail from Evaluation Systems, the test taker must be told to ask Evaluation Systems to send an official score directly to the institution.

Test takers may print a *Test Results Request Form* located at:

http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/pdfs/MI_20112012TestResultsRequestForm.pdf

The additional score report costs \$15 per test administration date. A score report costs \$15 for two or more tests taken on the same date. Score reports for two or more tests taken on different dates are billed at \$15 per date.

Institutions choosing to accept a score report directly from a test taker are solely responsible for validating the score report against official reports received from Evaluation Systems. Institutions must be ready to provide verification of its validation of a score report used for certificate or endorsement recommendation.

When the MDE or an institution discovers a teaching certificate was issued on the basis of an invalid or fraudulent score report, the MDE's policy is for the institution to inform the MDE, in writing, that the institution is withdrawing the recommendation.

As a result of the retraction of a recommendation, the MDE will nullify the teaching certificate.

The new Michigan On-line Educators Certification System (MOECS) application process will assist institutions as MOECS will confirm an appropriate MTTC test has been passed within the 5-year validity before an applicant may generate a request for an institution to submit recommendation for certification or endorsement. However, MOECS is not a substitution for the requirement that institutions retain their own official scores for the applicants they recommend.

The new MTTC contract also provides for computer-based testing (CBT) and full-length practice tests. These enhancements will be phased in, beginning with high-use (so called high-incident) test fields. Full-length practice tests and computer-based testing for the basic skills test and the elementary education test are available. Mathematics elementary and secondary CBTs and full-length practice tests will be available during the 2011-2012 test administration period, details and registration instructions may be found at:
www.mttc.nesinc.com

Occasionally teacher preparation institutions request the MDE to remove MTTC test fields from official annual or 3-year summary reports received from the MDE. The process for removing test fields from official MDE reports begins with the verification roster institutions receive from the Evaluations Systems three days before the date of scheduled MTTC test administration. If an institution observes the verification roster contains test takers scheduled for tests in endorsement areas not available at the institution, those test takers may then be designated on the verification roster as "not eligible". "Not eligible" test takers will be removed from an institutions official MTTC record for that date. MTTC test results for only test takers not identified by an institution as "not eligible" will become part of the official MTTC record.

REMINDERS:

- Institutions must return verification rosters with identified "not eligible" test takers to the testing contractor within 7 days following the date of the test administration.
- MTTC passing percentages reported in the cumulative percentage passing column are a record of the "best attempt" recorded for a test taker during the reporting interval. The cumulative percentage passing does not represent a numerical accumulation of the number of times that a test taker has taken a particular test. Consequently, institutions that keep their own records based on adding up the number of times a test taker takes a test before eventually passing the test will likely observe the MDE's official cumulative percentage passing values are higher than an institutions own in-house record.
- K-12 teachers and Michigan college and university teacher educators are welcome to participate with MTTC test development. Please invite interested individuals to visit www.mirecruit.nesinc.com for details.

Development of New MTTC Exam for Guidance and Counseling (School Counselor)

In June of 2010 the SBE approved Standards for the Preparation of School Counselor. After the approval it became evident a revision of the current Guidance and Counseling exam #51 was needed. For additional information regarding credentialing contact Ms. Beatrice M. Harrison at HarrisonB@mi.gov or (517) 241-0046.

Title IIA(3) Grants for Improving Teacher Quality

Another round of applications for the Title II A (3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Programs will be announced on the MDE website. Please be advised that the application has been modified, in anticipation of changes in federal funding levels and timelines. There will be two categories, both addressing core content. The first category has been expanded to allow for past project participants to "return" to join the proposed "sustained" professional development activities, resulting in an extended evaluation effort. Please watch the Professional Preparation and Development page on the MDE website or contact Donna Hamilton at hamiltond3@mi.gov or 517.241.4546 if you have questions about the upcoming request for proposals.

Principal and Central Office Administrator Preparation Program Applications

The deadline for submitting applications for Principal and Central Office Administrator Preparation Programs is November 16, 2011 and should be sent electronically to Rajah Smart at smartr@mi.gov. Questions regarding Principal and Central Office Administrator Preparation programs should be directed to Mr. Rajah Smart at smartr@mi.gov or 517.335.6615.

National Accreditation

TPIs have made selections of accrediting body and have shown they are currently in good standing. As MDE staff must participate, it is essential to coordinate schedules. Institutions are reminded to contact Dr. Steven Stegink (steginks@mi.gov) and Mr. Thomas Bell (bellt1@mi.gov) BEFORE scheduling an accreditation visit/audit.

Institutions selecting NCATE accreditation must complete a "SPA-like" form for all programs which do not have a SPA. Please refer to the letter dated June 2, 2009 from Dr. Flora Jenkins regarding this subject for more details. If you are in need of technical assistance contact Mr. Thomas Bell.

Endorsement areas that have new state standards may be exempted from submission to the SPA since sufficient data is not available. However, the institution is encouraged to complete an abbreviated SPA-like report of data for the old program. This report indicates to the BOE team that the institution has a complete assessment

system in place for all endorsement areas.

First Aid/CPR

All candidates must have valid Adult and/or Child CPR AND First Aid cards/certificates at the time of recommendation. Recently some organizations have switched over to the Certificates in place of cards. Institutions may choose to use the Certificates in place of cards, however please try to advise candidates to make sure Certificates have signatures.

The MDE has a list of approved providers for CPR and First Aid at the following URL:
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_5683_14795-118868--,00.html

As First Aid and CPR practice evolves the organizations change classes and class titles. Candidates may wish to take classes that are beyond or "advanced" compared to what is required by law. An institution can allow candidates to take courses that are designed for Emergency Response, lifeguard, or other advanced practices as long as the basic requirements of first aid and CPR are met as described by law and the training is completed through an approved provider. For additional questions, please contact Mr. Thomas Bell at bellt1@mi.gov.

Student Teacher Exit and Supervisor Survey URLs for Fall/Winter 2011:

URLs for Fall/Winter 2011 surveys were sent September 15, 2011. Surveys are scheduled to close February 1, 2012 at midnight, unless institutions request an extension. If your institution requires an extension please contact Ms. Dana Utterback at utterbackd@mi.gov.

2009-10 Teacher Preparation Institutions Performance Score Report

The report was presented to the SBE at its August 9 meeting, all reports are now posted at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_5683_5703-220335--,00.html

Administrative Rules Update

The revised Administrator and Teacher Certification Rules have been drafted and forwarded to the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR). Tentative dates for public hearings and comments are: November 1 (Ramada Inn--Lansing) from 3-6pm; November 9 (Kent ISD in Grand Rapids) 3-6pm; November 16 (Wayne RESA) 3-6pm; and Nov. 3 (video conference with Marquette-Alger ISD and Eastern UP ISD) 10am-noon. The proposed rules will be posted on the MDE website under "Current Updates" as soon as they are approved by ORR (around the middle of October) at:

www.michigan.gov/teachercert

There are significant changes in the rules with regard to requiring teachers to be effectively or highly effective to renew their certificates. The rules also establish requirements for alternate routes for teachers and administrators, and the three-tiered teacher certification system by adding the Advanced Professional Education certificate.

Legislative Update

A number of school reform and tenure reform bills were passed this summer: HB 4625, HB 4626, HB 4627 and HB 4628. The bills change the probationary period for tenure from 4 years to 5 years (4625), allows a teacher on continuing tenure to be dismissed or demoted for a reason that is not arbitrary and capricious (4626); amends section 1249 of the revised school code to remove seniority and tenure status as a factor in recall, reduction, hiring, etc., creates the Governor's Council on Educator effectiveness, removes additional coursework to move from the Provisional certificate to the Professional Education certificate, requires student growth to be a significant factor in teacher evaluations, stipulates termination of teachers with 3 consecutive ineffective evaluations (4627); amends the public employment relations Act to prohibit certain subjects from being included in collective bargaining (4628). Access the full text of these bills at: [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(p0lpoi45vfxnxi45fcon3h3t\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=home](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(p0lpoi45vfxnxi45fcon3h3t))/mileg.aspx?page=home)

Paperless Certificates

Several states are currently issuing "paperless" certificates and Michigan is in the process of moving to this option. Since the implementation of the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) and access to teaching credentials, the MDE is hoping to move to "paperless" certificates by January 2012. This means the MDE will no longer print and mail educator certificates. Educators will be able to print their own certificates and employers can verify the validity of the certificate via MOECS.

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