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| Teacher Standards and Practices Commission250 Division Street NESalem OR 97301 | | January 29-30, 2015  Program Approval |
| ITEM: | Kaplan University Approval of Preconditions for First-Time Unit and Programs | |
| ACTION: | ACTION ITEM | |
| RECOMMENDATION:  INFORMATION: | The Program Approval Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:  **RESOLVED that,** the Commission accepts and approves the pre-condition evidence provided by Kaplan University and determines the evidence has met the requirements of OAR 584-010-0015;  **RESOLVED FURTHER that,** Kaplan University is eligible to apply for approval to deliver a licensure program.  Kaplan University is seeking approval by the Commission to provide education preparation programs in Oregon. The first step in the process is for Kaplan University to submit evidence that satisfies the preconditions set for in OAR 584-010-0015 (rule listed below). The evidence demonstrating compliance with the preconditions set forth in OAR are located in the secure website. | |

Kaplan University is seeking to be approved for initial teacher licensure programs for middle and high levels with the single subject endorsements of: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English and Math – all STEM areas.

**584-010-0015 – Preconditions for First-Time Unit or Program Approval**

(1) Prior to approval for any licensure program, a unit must satisfy the preconditions set forth below. Once the Commission has reviewed these preconditions, the Commission shall determine by resolution in a public meeting whether the preconditions have been met and whether the unit is eligible to apply for approval to deliver a licensure program in teaching, administration, school counseling, school psychology or school social work.

(2) Programs from units or institutions that have never been approved by the Commission must satisfy the following preconditions prior to submitting a proposal for approval to deliver a licensure program:

(a) A college or university seeking unit recognition for program approval must obtain full regional accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities or another appropriate institutional regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

(b) Approval by the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization or its equivalent authorizing body, and if an Oregon public institution, by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education or its equivalent authorizing body;

(c) A letter from the institution's administrative body recognizing and identifying the professional educational unit as having responsibility and authority for the preparation of licensed educators;

(d) Evidence that a dean, director or chair has been officially designated as head of the unit and is assigned the authority and responsibility for its overall administration and operation;

(e) Written policies and procedures that will guide the operations of the unit, including but not limited to: student handbooks; procedures on admission; program waivers; and student appeal rights;

(f) The unit's conceptual framework that establishes the shared vision for a unit's efforts in preparing educators to work in prekindergarten-12 schools and provides direction for programs, courses, teaching, candidate performance, scholarship, leadership, service and unit accountability;

(g) Evidence that the unit regularly monitors and evaluates its operations, the quality of its offerings, the performance of its candidates, and the effectiveness of its graduates; and

(h) Evidence the unit has published criteria for admission to and exit from all initial teacher preparation and advanced programs and can provide summary reports of candidate performance at exit from the program.

(3) Programs seeking first-time approval to offer any educator preparation licensure program must demonstrate that the unit proposing the program has already satisfied the pre-conditions set forth above or that they have received the approval of a pre-approved unit to offer an educator licensure program.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 342   
Stats. Implemented: ORS 342.120 - 342.430; 342.455 - 342.495; 342.533   
Hist.: TS 14, f. 12-20-76, ef. 1-1-77; TS 3-1988, f. & cert. ef. 4-7-88; TSPC 1-1998, f. & cert. ef. 2-4-98; TSPC 2-2008, f. & cert. ef. 4-15-08; TSPC 3-2012, f. & cert. ef. 3-9-12