Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 23, 2014

Agenda Item: Fort Hays State University—Teacher and Administrator Preparation Online

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code section 256.7(3) and Iowa Administrative Code 281—79.5 grants authority to the State Board of Education to set standards and approve practitioner preparation programs based on those standards.

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Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the enrollment of Iowa residents in online practitioner preparation programs offered by Fort Hays State University.

Background: New federal Department of Education regulations (34 CFR § 600.9) require an institution that offers online courses and programs, including educator preparation programs, to be registered with each state in which students of the programs reside, if the state requires that the institution be registered in that state. Iowa Code Chapter 261B, as modified effective July 1, 2009, requires an institution that maintains or conducts a course of instruction in Iowa, including through distance education, to register with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Fort Hays State University has met the program approval requirement as approved by the State Board.
# Review Checklist for Out-Of-State Online Educator Preparation Programs

**Date Materials Received:** 6 November 2013  
**Date Program(s) will be presented to the Iowa State Board of Education:** 23 January 2014  
**Institution:** Fort Hays State University  

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## Online Programs to be Reviewed:

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| 1. That the institution seeks to offer programs in Iowa via distance education only; the institution has no bricks-and-mortar presence in Iowa.  
2. That a candidate graduating from the institution obtains initial educator licensure/certification from the state in which the candidate completed his/her preparation. | Website | Done |

1 An institution with a physical (“bricks-and-mortar”) presence in Iowa must have full chapter 79 review process.

2 An institution whose candidates seek initial licensure from the Iowa BoEE must have full chapter 79 review process. The “state in which the candidate completed his/her preparation” means the state in which a majority of the candidate’s instruction originates.
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| 3. That the candidates graduating from the institution receive prominent written disclosure from the institution in all published and Web-based materials that describe the educator preparation program(s) as follows (slight paraphrasing is permitted):  
  - A student seeking an Iowa educator license is advised that successful completion of this institution's program(s) of educator preparation does not qualify you for initial educator licensure by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.  
  - A candidate seeking licensure in the State of Iowa must first be licensed/certified as an educator in the state in which preparation was completed. This institution shall assist a candidate in contacting the appropriate licensing board in the state in which the candidate's preparation was completed. This institution shall assist the candidate in understanding the requirements of the appropriate licensing board prior to the candidate's completion of this institution's program(s) of educator preparation.  
  - A candidate seeking subsequent licensure from the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners must contact that Board (515/281-5849; [http://www.boee.iowa.gov/](http://www.boee.iowa.gov/)) for licensure requirements in Iowa. | Website | Done |
| 4. That the institution's educator preparation programs are regionally accredited. | Websites:  
Ft Hays State  
Higher Learning Commission | Done |
| 5. That the institution is approved/accredited to offer the same educator preparation program(s) it wishes to offer in Iowa by an entity with authority over educator preparation programs in the state in which the institution maintains its primary physical presence. [If the institution is approved/accredited to offer the same educator preparation program(s) it wishes to offer in Iowa by an entity with authority over educator preparation programs in other states in which the institution maintains a physical presence, the institution is encouraged to present proof of the same to the Iowa State Board of Education.] | Websites:  
Ft Hays State  
Kansas Department of Education | Done |

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