Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 16, 2011

Agenda Item: University of Southern California Online Teacher Preparation Program

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

Equity Impact Statement: Practitioner preparation programs support the improvement of instructional practices and strengthen the quality of educator preparation and professional development programs to give educators at all levels the skills they need to improve teaching and learning.

Presenter: Kris Crabtree-Groff, Consultant Practitioner Preparation Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the enrollment of Iowa residents in the online practitioner preparation program offered by the University of Southern California.

Background: Iowa Code 281—79.5(256) grants authority to the State Board of Education to set standards and approve practitioner preparation programs based on those standards. University of Southern California has met the program approval requirements as approved by the State Board.
Recommendation for Approval of University of Southern California
Online Teacher Preparation Program

Introduction
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 [“Commission”]. Thus, institutions offering distance education programs which have never been previously required to register in Iowa may now be required to do so.

The University of Southern California has requested approval from the Iowa State Board of Education to offer a teacher preparation program. The institution is housed in Los Angeles, CA, and is currently registered with Iowa College Student Aid Commission. Candidates are recommended for a California license and the program is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Requirements
Evidence has been provided and the following requirements have been met:

1. That the institution seeks to offer programs in Iowa via distance education only; the institution has no bricks-and-mortar presence in Iowa.¹

2. That a candidate graduating from the institution obtains initial educator licensure/certification from the state in which the candidate completed his/her preparation.²

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

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.
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/) for licensure requirements in Iowa.

4. That the institution’s educator preparation programs are regionally accredited.

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.]

Recommendation
The Iowa Department of Education recommends the approval for the University of Southern California to enroll Iowa residents into online teacher preparation programs. Approval allows University of Southern California to offer these programs under its registration with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.
Agenda Item: Capella University Online Practitioner Preparation Programs: post-baccalaureate reading teacher, post-baccalaureate special education teacher, post-baccalaureate early childhood teacher, school guidance counselor, special education supervisor, principal, superintendent, school psychologist, Doctor of Philosophy in Education-Specialization in Leadership in Educational Administration, and Masters of Science in Education-Specialization in Leadership in Educational Administration

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Equity Impact Statement: Practitioner preparation programs support the improvement of instructional practices and strengthen the quality of educator preparation and professional development programs to give educators at all levels the skills they need to improve teaching and learning.

Presenter: Kris Crabtree-Groff, Consultant Practitioner Preparation Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services

Background: Iowa Code 281—79.5(256) grants authority to the State Board of Education to set standards and approve practitioner preparation programs based on those standards. Capella University has met the program approval requirements as approved by the State Board.
Recommendation for Approval of Capella University
Online Practitioner Preparation Programs

Introduction
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 [“Commission”]. Thus, institutions offering distance education programs which have never been previously required to register in Iowa may now be required to do so.

Capella University has requested approval from the Iowa State Board of Education to offer the following practitioner preparation programs: teacher, principal, superintendent, school guidance counselor, school psychologist, and special education supervisor. The institution is housed in, Minneapolis, MN, but also hosts an office in Arizona. Candidates are recommended for licensure in Minnesota (post-baccalaureate reading teacher, post-baccalaureate special education teacher, post-baccalaureate early childhood teacher, school guidance counselor, special education supervisor, principal, superintendent, school psychologist), or in Arizona (Doctor of Philosophy in Education-Specialization in Leadership in Educational Administration and Masters of Science in Education-Specialization in Leadership in Educational Administration). Capella University programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Requirements
Evidence has been provided and the following requirements have been met:
1. That the institution seeks to offer programs in Iowa via distance education only; the institution has no bricks-and-mortar presence in Iowa.¹

2. That a candidate graduating from the institution obtains initial educator licensure/certification from the state in which the candidate completed his/her preparation.²

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.

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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.
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/) for licensure requirements in Iowa.

4. That the institution’s educator preparation programs are regionally accredited.

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.]

**Recommendation**
The Iowa Department of Education recommends Capella University approval to enroll Iowa residents into online practitioner preparation programs. Approval allows Capella University to offer these programs and register with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.
Agenda Item: Western Governors University Online Practitioner Preparation Programs: teacher and principal

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Equity Impact Statement: Practitioner preparation programs support the improvement of instructional practices and strengthen the quality of educator preparation and professional development programs to give educators at all levels the skills they need to improve teaching and learning.

Presenter: Kris Crabtree-Groff, Consultant
Practitioner Preparation Bureau of Accreditation and Improvement Services

Attachments: 1

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

Background: Iowa Code 281—79.5(256) grants authority to the State Board of Education to set standards and approve practitioner preparation programs based on those standards. Western Governors University has met the program approval requirements as approved by the State Board.
Recommendation for Approval of Western Governors University
Online Practitioner Preparation Programs

Introduction
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 [“Commission”]. Thus, institutions offering distance education programs which have never been previously required to register in Iowa may now be required to do so.

Western Governors University has requested approval from the Iowa State Board of Education to offer the following practitioner preparation programs: teacher and principal. The institution is housed in Salt Lake City, UT, but has administrative offices in Arizona, Indiana, Washington, and Texas. Candidates are recommended for licensure in Utah and the programs are accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Western Governors University is currently registered with Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

Requirements
Evidence has been provided and the following requirements have been met:
1. That the institution seeks to offer programs in Iowa via distance education only; the institution has no bricks-and-mortar presence in Iowa.¹

2. That a candidate graduating from the institution obtains initial educator licensure/certification from the state in which the candidate completed his/her preparation.²

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.

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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/) for licensure requirements in Iowa.

4. That the institution’s educator preparation programs are regionally accredited.

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.]

**Recommendation**
The Iowa Department of Education recommends Western Governors University approval to enroll Iowa residents into online practitioner preparation programs. Approval allows Western Governors University to offer these programs under its registration with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.