

VSBPE

Date: Sept 8, 2021

Item: Report on ROPA Annual Reports from All Approved Programs

ITEM: Informing the Board of the Annual Reports from the approved Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) and Alternate-Route Programs.

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action needed.

BACKGROUND: It is a requirement that all approved EPPs and alternate route programs submit an Annual Report each summer. The report contains four sections: information on the number of program completers in each endorsement (as well as information about those who did not successfully complete the program); information as to how the program has and will adapt their program to meet any changes in education law, rule, or policy (for last year, this was only the new ROPA standards that went into effect on 1-1-20, and the endorsement revisions from 2019 that all programs now need to be fully compliant with); any program updates; and progress they have made on their Continuous Improvement Plan from their last ROPA review.

All fourteen approved programs submitted their reports. Here are the numbers that each submitted regarding the number of completers last year:

Castleton: 28 recommended for licensure, 20 not recommended (all Praxis issues). Of the 28 recommendations, 9 were for administrator endorsements (graduate-level), 2 were post-bac, and 17 were undergraduates.

Champlain: 5 recommended, 6 pending completion of Praxis II and/or portfolio completion. All undergraduates.

Goddard: 4 recommended- 1 undergrad, 1 postbac, 2 graduate-level; 3 not recommended pending Praxis completion.

Middlebury: 6 recommended, all undergraduate.

NVU:

Lyndon: 16 undergraduates, 1 postbac recommended; 3 not recommended due to Praxis.

Johnson: 18 undergraduates, 3 postbac, 9 graduate-level recommended; 2 not recommended, one due to personal choice not to pursue licensure, one did not successfully complete Capstone course and Portfolio.

Norwich: 3 recommended, all undergraduate.

Peer Review: 39 recommended for initial licensure, 19 for an additional endorsement, 12 not recommended for a variety of reasons.

St. Michael's: 14 undergraduates, 38 graduate-level recommended, 3 not recommended for not successfully completing student teaching.

Spark: 8 recommended, all at the graduate level.

TAP: 17 recommended, 3 others pending Praxis, 7 not recommended (5 didn't complete portfolio, 2 didn't complete student teaching). All postbac.

UVEI: 11 recommended for Principal and/or Curriculum Director; one was a hold-over from a prior cohort. One not yet recommended as has not yet finished her Master's degree.

UVM: 101 recommendations from this year (77 undergrad, 24 graduate-level), 4 holdovers from last year, 47 not recommended (a mix of didn't take/pass Praxis II, did not pass Portfolio yet, and did not student teach – all undergrad).

VT-HEC: 23 recommended for an additional endorsement as Special Educator, Early Childhood Educator or Early Childhood Special Educator. One not recommended- did not complete internship.

VTC: 6 recommended, 1 not recommended due to Praxis, 1 recommended with a waiver for Praxis.

I reached out to UVM and Castleton to inquire about the high numbers not recommended. Both felt that Covid had been a factor for some of their students. Castleton did not include their non-recommended information for 2020 or 2019. UVM had 103 recommendations and 49 non-recommendations for 2020, and included a statement in that report that "Many students have been unable to take the PRAXIS II due to the testing centers being closed as a result of Covid-19, we anticipate our completer numbers will increase as testing becomes available again." In 2019, UVM recommended 126 and didn't include the number who were not recommended. 2019

was the first year we required Annual Reports, and they have been works in progress as we refine the information requested.

The main changes that were reported were from the state colleges, as they face the merger of VTC, Castleton, and NVU. The details of how that will affect their programs are starting to be worked out.