

**VSBE**

**Date: May 28, 2020**

**Item: Policy N15 Proposed Revision**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBE approve the following proposed revision to Policy N15?

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBE approve the following proposed revision to Policy N15.**

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the submission of the Annual Reports, it was found there was some confusion among the approved educator preparation programs regarding the different delivery models. The ROPA Coordinator surveyed all programs that have approval to recommend in an endorsement at both the post-bac and Graduate levels to seek clarity. It was found that there is little difference in the program requirements between the two. In reviewing Policy N15 to determine if additional clarification was needed, the Office overall believes the Policy is clear but could benefit from a few small edits, which are proposed below in red. The Program Approval Committee discussed these changes at their meeting on March 12, 2020 and can now vote on whether to accept them.

## **POLICY N15**

### **Policy on Program Approval for Various Educator Preparation Delivery Models and Recommendations for Licensure or Additional Endorsements**

Vermont institutions and alternate routes to licensure offer a variety of delivery models for the preparation of educators within their programs. These may include the following:

- Undergraduate- Designed for candidates who complete a bachelor's degree program who are seeking a recommendation for initial licensure.
- Post-baccalaureate- Designed for candidates who have an undergraduate or graduate degree and seek only to complete a program's licensure requirements and seek initial licensure or an additional endorsement. Candidates may go on to complete a master's degree, but this is not a requirement for licensure recommendation.
- Graduate- Designed for candidates who have an undergraduate degree and are seeking a recommendation for either an initial license or an additional endorsement in conjunction with a master's degree.
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS)- An individualized program designed for candidates who hold a master's degree and are completing requirements for an initial license or an additional endorsement.