

February 14, 2018
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TO: VSBPE Licensing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Ron Ryan, Program Manager

ITEM FOR ACTION: Early Childhood Praxis Test

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) votes to accept the recommendation of the Early Childhood Praxis Exam Panel to offer the ETS Praxis Early Childhood Education Test for applicants who are seeking licensure for Birth through Grade 3 and PK through Grade 3.

MOTION:

I, _____, move that the VSBPE approve the ETS Praxis Early Childhood Education Test (5025) for applicants who are seeking licensure for Birth through Grade 3 and PK through Grade 3. Annually the VSBPE submits rule revisions to LCAR in the spring for summer adoption. The VSBPE will allow applicants who are seeking licensure for Birth through Grade 3 and PK through Grade 3 an option to take either the current Elementary Praxis Exam (5001) or the Praxis Early Childhood Education Test (5025) until rules are officially adopted.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In the spring of 2017, Ellen Baker from the University of Vermont asked the VSBPE to consider replacing the current Elementary Education Praxis test with a new Praxis test for the Early Childhood endorsement requirement. The VSBPE asked the Director of the Educator Quality Division to organize a test review session with stakeholders and ETS. The purpose of the convening was to review the Early Childhood Praxis tests available through ETS and provide a recommendation to the VSBPE for the Praxis II test that should be required for the Early Childhood endorsement.

On January 12, 2018, Malik McKinley from ETS facilitated the panel through the review of two early childhood tests: [Education of Young Children (5024) and Early Childhood Education (5025)]. The panel included representatives from the Agency of Education,

superintendent, principal, early childhood teachers, a Head Start supervisor, faculty from the University of Vermont, and an instructor from the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative. Other college faculty from Lyndon and Goddard were unable to attend. The panel unanimously recommended approving the ETS Praxis Early Childhood Education Test (5025) with a cut score of 156.

Rule 5440-36 language change needed under “Additional Requirements” section.

**Proposed language change for Rule: 5440-36 Early Childhood Education
“Additional Requirements” Section**

Additional Requirements: A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, in early childhood education at the birth-to-5 and/or 5-8 age levels, depending on the authorization sought. For the full birth through grade 3 authorization, practica at both the birth-to-5 and 5-8 age levels are required. **AND** Educators receiving the endorsement in the **Birth - Grade 3 or PK – Grade 3 span must receive a passing score on the ETS Praxis Early Childhood Education Test: Multiple Subjects (5025 Series).**

Current language

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