

Report From Agency
FINAL REPORT
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 20-001
CHAPTER PI 34
EDUCATOR LICENSES

Analysis by the Department of Public Instruction

Statutory authority: s. 115.28 (7) (a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 115.28 (7) (a), Stats.

The objective of the proposed rule is to provide flexibility in the assessment of pedagogical knowledge as a condition for completion of an educator preparation program under s. PI 34.021.

The hearing notice was published in the January 13, 2020, edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on February 6, 2020.

The following persons testified at the February 6, 2020 hearing:

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The following persons submitted written testimony:

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Alyssa Pionke	Representing Self	X		
Alyssa Sabel	Representing Self	X		
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Brianna Sabel	Representing Self	X		
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Carol Koroghlanian	Representing Self	X		
Carol Hines	Representing Self	X		
Cassandra Spigarelli	Representing Self	X		
Catherine Peterson	Representing Self	X		
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Chris Hlas	Representing Self	X		
Christy Miller	Representing Self	X		
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David Schaack	Representing Self	X		
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FH H *	Representing Self			X
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Jason Schneider	Representing Self	X		
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Linda Hoover	Representing Self	X		
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Ryan Buroker *	Representing Self			X
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Shannon Goltz	Representing Self	X		
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* = Comments were not germane to the substantive content of the proposed rule.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONDENTS	ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED	IN FAVOR OR GENERALLY IN FAVOR	OPPOSED OR GENERALLY OPPOSED	OTHER
212	23	176 (83.0%)	25 (11.8%)	11 (5.2%)

Summary of public comments relative to the rule and the agency's response to those comments:

- Multiple respondents in favor of the proposed rule argued that the intent behind requiring an educator performance assessment (edTPA) made sense until it was realized that the rule inadvertently hinders the student teaching experience for several reasons. For example:
 - Under the current performance assessment required by the Department, participants in educator preparation programs are required to pay \$300 to have the assessment evaluated. Because the assessment is provided by an external entity, student teachers often have to retake the edTPA with little or no feedback as to areas of the assessment that the student teacher failed. However, if a teacher candidate needs to retake parts or all of the edTPA, the candidate will need to pay an additional \$100 to \$300. As such, the assessment requirement has become an undue financial burden on many of those candidates who already experience financial difficulties due to their position as a student teacher.

- Some respondents report a level of testing bias within the edTPA because it does not account for circumstances such as bilingual teaching candidates seeking to obtain licensure and gives advantages to certain types of majors of students that take the edTPA. This has become a barrier for student teachers and is counterproductive to the state's goals of attracting a larger pool of qualified and more diverse candidates into the teaching profession.
- Due to its standardized nature, the edTPA has become very "high stakes" regardless of efforts by educator preparation programs to align their courses to the assessment. Respondents often attest to the extreme difficulties, stress, and anxiety that is experienced when preparing for the edTPA.
- Not only is obtaining a passing score on the edTPA difficult, but so is the ability of faculty to prepare student teachers for the edTPA. For example, there is little transparency about what is required to be a trained scorer of the edTPA and it has been stated to be unreliable and inconsistent with educator preparation priorities. Requiring a standardized assessment of pedagogy in an assessment like the edTPA takes discretion away from educator preparation programs to endorse candidates for licensure and gives control to external entities that administer and distribute the assessment.
- Because of the amount of time required of student teachers to meet assessment deadlines, it lessens the amount of time student teachers are able to learn in the field and complete their practicum experience. Respondents report that many student teachers often have to balance classroom demands, including prepare lessons and provide instruction, simultaneously with test preparation that is generally not associated with the required learning to become a teacher.
- Finally, there is no evidence that the current edTPA has improved their quality of teaching, nor does it provide insight to students' strengths and areas for growth that other assessments already provide, such as grades in methods courses or exit portfolios.

While assessing a student teacher's pedagogical knowledge is important in preparing students for the profession, it was argued that educator preparation programs are best suited to determine the appropriate means of assessing pedagogy. For example, assigning a portfolio of work or implementing a system of continuous feedback and coaching could serve reasonably well as tools for an educator preparation program to adopt in measuring a student's competency in pedagogy. It is possible that standards for assessing pedagogy can remain high without the Department necessarily requiring a passing score on a standardized assessment.

Agency Response: The Department agrees with the above comments citing the need for the proposed rule. No changes are necessary.

- The respondents against the rule change argued in favor of maintaining the edTPA for the following reasons:
 - Respondents argue that the edTPA is an adequate performance-based assessment because it is aligned to current expectations around educator effectiveness and provides a common measure to ensure candidates' readiness to teach.
 - The considerable time and energy that has been invested by educator preparation programs into implementing the edTPA has been valuable, and as such, modifying the requirements around assessing pedagogical knowledge seems counterproductive when teacher shortages are occurring.
 - Respondents believe that standardized measure for educator preparation like the edTPA has brought integrity to the entire educator preparation process. If the edTPA is removed in the educator preparation process, bias could skew the process if preparation programs only use internally-designed measures to assess a candidate's readiness for licensure. As such, finding or designing an alternative to the edTPA could prove difficult for educator preparation programs.
 - As an alternative to the proposed rule, some respondents have argued Wisconsin could adopt rules similar to Minnesota, which requires that student teachers take the edTPA but does not require a passing score to obtain licensure. They note it may eliminate stress for student teachers in preparing for the assessment.

Agency Response: The edTPA is an option that educator preparation programs can continue to offer or require. The Department, in its proposed rule, is moving to allow flexibility in the assessment of pedagogical knowledge.

Changes made as a result of oral or written testimony:

- No changes were made.

Changes to the analysis or the fiscal estimate:

- Made minor changes to the plain language analysis and fiscal estimate to reflect comments received in the Legislative Council report, as well as address typographical errors that were identified.
- Corrected the description and administrative code reference to comparable rules in adjacent states as applied to Minnesota.

Responses to Clearinghouse Report:

- The changes were accepted.