

## **Report From Agency**

### **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

In the matter of rulemaking to update the Wisconsin Administrative Code  
Chapter PI 34 for EDUCATOR LICENSES

#### **Clearinghouse Rule No. 25-039: SCHOOL SETTINGS FOR CLINICAL PROGRAMS**

### **REPORT TO LEGISLATURE**

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#### **I. Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule**

The proposed rule change is a correction to ch. PI 34 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code to clarify that for educator preparation programs leading to a pupil services or administrative license, practicum experiences must, among other requirements, occur in school settings. The proposed rule also provides for a definition of “school settings” to include K-12 public school, private school, charter school, virtual charter school, or tribal school educational settings. By establishing this definition, the term “school settings” is intended to apply uniformly across all references within ch. PI 34, Wis. Admin. Code, including those found in ss. PI 34.023 (1) and (2), Wis. Admin. Code.

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#### **II. Public Hearing Summary**

The hearing notice was published in the May 27, 2025, edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Register. A public hearing was held on June 10, 2025. No persons testified at the hearing or provided written testimony.

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#### **III. Summary of Public Comments to the Proposed Rule and the Agency’s Response to those Comments**

No comments were received.

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#### **IV. Changes to the Rule Summary or Fiscal Estimate/Economic Impact Analysis**

No changes were made.

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#### **V. Department Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report:**

##### ***5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Plainness:***

- a. The change was accepted.
- b. The department only regulates approved programs in Wisconsin, but the definition Wisconsin uses for school districts would be applicable to surrounding states. Therefore, no changes to the proposed rule are necessary.
- c. The plain language analysis section of the proposed rule does include the phrase, “...practicum experiences must, among other requirements, occur in school settings.” This phrase accurately reflects that there are several

requirements of the practicum, one of which is that it occurs in a school setting. Therefore, no changes to the proposed rule are necessary.