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Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs
Test Pass Rates for Completion Year 2009-2010

CHAPTER 229

ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Standard #1 - Certification Examination Pass Rates
The accreditation status of an educator preparation program (EPP) shall be determined at least annually, based on performance standards established in rule by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), with regard to the following EPP accountability performance indicators, disaggregated with respect to gender and ethnicity (according to the aggregate reporting categories for ethnicity established by the Higher Education Act), and other requirements of this chapter:

- The pass rate performance standard of certification examinations of EPP candidates shall be:
  - 70% for the 2009-2010 academic year;
  - 75% for the 2010-2011 academic year; and
  - 80% for the 2011-2012 academic year;

Definition of Pass Rate and Pass Rate Calculation
Pass rate—For each academic year, the percent of tests passed by candidates who have finished all educator preparation program requirements for coursework; training; and internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, or practicum by the end of that academic year. For purposes of determining the pass rate, candidates shall not be excluded because the candidate has not been recommended for certification, has not passed a certification examination, or is not considered a "completer" for purposes of the Higher Education Act or other applicable law. The pass rate is based solely on the examinations required to obtain certification in the field(s) for which the candidate serves his or her internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, or practicum. Examinations not required for certification in that field or fields, whether taken before or after admission to an educator preparation program, are not included. The rate reflects a candidate's success only on the last attempt made on the examination by the end of the academic year in which the candidate finishes the coursework; training; and internship, student teaching, clinical teaching, or practicum program requirements, and does not reflect any attempts made after that year. The formula for calculation of pass rate is the number of successful (i.e., passing) last attempts made by candidates who have finished the specified educator preparation program requirements divided by the total number of last attempts made by those candidates.