

Educational Personnel Preparation Advisory Council

EPPAC

AGENDA

**Wednesday,
October 28, 2020
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Sharing
 - Department of Education
 - Updates
 - BSC
 - Evaluations and Assessment
 - PRAXIS CORE / II Scores
 - Year-Long Residency
 - Fall Student Teachers & Substituting
 - Mercer County Schools
- Other Business
- Adjournment

Bluefield State College
Fall EPPAC meeting
October 28, 2020

The Fall EPPAC meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Dr. Terene Stiltner by virtual meeting.

Members present: Dr. Terene Stiltner, Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin, Dr. Darrell Thompson, Dr. Amanda Banks, Dr. Rodney Montague, Dr. Jan Czarnecki, Dr. Ted Lewis, Robert Mellace (WVDE), Shellie Simpson (MCPS), Angela Damon (MCPS), Teresa Guill (MCPS)

A motion was made to approve the **Minutes for the Fall 2019** by Dr. Sargent-Martin and seconded by Dr. Banks.

WVDE updates: Robert Mellace with WVDE introduced himself and other members of his team.

Teacher recruitment: Praxis Exams and alternative certification pathways.

Snapshot of Teacher preparation reflects all that they work on (including: licensure pathways, induction, teacher leadership, teacher celebrations).

Policies: 5100 + 5202 (requirements for licensure also changes in residency model allowing time in private schools). Changes with terms of National Accreditations, residency model, parameters for clinical experiences. November 16, 2020 is the deadline for comments.

Licensure form changes

COVID-19 Model: Adjustments on website, related to Higher Education. Jodi Oliveto is go-to with questions. We currently have MOU's with four counties about TIR's (Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Raleigh). Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin concerned that some might not be ready 24R (Second semester).

What about Praxis? What about completers who miss questions on one test out of eight tests and provisional license is about to expire. Robert Mellace asked Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin to call him. Completers may be able to pursue alternative certification.

PRAXIS CORE/II scores: Dr. Terene Stiltner stated we are very pleased with 100% Praxis pass rates and completers. We are moving to a year -long residency model.

15 Students in Residency II: 9 Students went to subbing, and 4 Students are TIR's. 13 Students next semester with 12 Students subbing.

Shellie Simpson is so excited about sub program because the lack of subs that been an issue in the school system.

Mercer County Schools: Angela Damon for Bluefield Intermediate School stated the sub situation has been "seamless" and is working well. However, recommended communication of college's expectations for students to meet requirements (paperwork etc.). We need to all be on same page.

Dr. Terene Stiltner stated a week may be set aside, so students can remain in classroom to complete TPA related pre and post-test, along with unit plan delivery. Dr. Terene Stiltner asked what Bluefield State College Teacher prep program can do to help student teachers better acclimate to virtual teaching. - Get signed up with Outlook email thru MCPS. Practice with the TEAMS - takes student teachers time to get used to it, so it would help for them to be prepared with this technology coming in.

Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin stated that we can pay a small stipend to someone with MCPS, to come to Bluefield State College to train our student teachers. ([REDACTED] may be a person to help us). WVEIS (grade entry) training is also

needed, student teachers need to be familiar with tabs...what it is and how to use it at county level. Brent Murphy is the Tech Director and may be able to set dummy accounts for practice.

Other Business: Shellie Simpson (MCPS) stated remote learning has been very challenging for teachers- -but things are getting better.

Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin asked about a time to meet for PDS meeting with teachers. Staggered TEAMS meetings across district make it hard to schedule a meeting time. Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin suggested taped meeting for teachers to access later. Angela Damon suggested paying teachers a stipend for teachers to attend after school. Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin said she would check on doing the stipend.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: Dr. Terene Stiltner asked for questions and concerns. No questions or suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday,
April 7, 2021
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

- Welcome
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 - Department of Education
 - Updates
 - BSC
 - Evaluations and Assessment
 - Graduate Employment
 - PRAXIS Scores
 - Year-Long Residency / PPSP
 - Curriculum Changes
 - Program Review / HLC
 - Mercer County Schools
- Other Business
- Adjournment

Bluefield State College
Spring EPPAC meeting
April 7, 2021

The Spring EPPAC meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mrs. Terene Stiltner in room 307 of the P.E. building at Bluefield State College.

Members present: Dr. Shelia Sargent-Martin, Dr. Terene Stiltner, Dr. Darrell Thompson, Dr. Amanda Banks, Ms. Jodi Oliveto, Dr. Dharshana Arachchi, Dr. Jan Czarnecki, Ms. Ashley Bowen, Ms. Alexis Munsey

Minutes of the Fall 2020 were read and motion was made to accept by Dr. Amanda Banks and seconded by Dr. Darrell Thompson.

Pleased to report that 100% of our 2018-2019 graduates remain employed in the field of education after two years as well as 100% of our 2019-2020 graduates after one year.

State policy related to passing Praxis 2 to qualify to student teach is once again in effect. BSC's Education faculty are pleased with current Praxis 2 and related test scores. Scores will count through August, so percentage of candidates that are passing may go up. We are hopeful the pass rate will increase upwards of 100 percent.

Pre-Professional Substitute Program...

5 candidates participated in fall, 7 in spring

Subbing student teachers were assigned to a school for student teaching but were pulled to sub in classrooms where/when needed.

Our student teachers have been subbing frequently and get paid.

Some candidates are in long-term subbing positions and are also compensated.

There are upcoming changes to BSC's Ed curriculum:

1. No changes in course content.
2. Changes in credit hours and/or combined courses.
3. Our student teaching courses now reflect new WVDE policy about yearlong residency.

We are preparing to submit our 5-year review for Ed program.

BSC is undergoing preparation for an HLC visit that will occur April 9-11 of 2022.

Jodi Oliveto (WVDE)...highlights within WVDE:

Policy 5100 went out for comment and has been revised. Those revisions are now in effect. There are changes in language related to policy 202 and 5100, which are essentially sister policies. Since they are very similar, there is frequent cross-referencing within each policy. One change involved condensing the appendices of Policy 5100 from 72 to 38 pages. Some documents were removed from the appendix and placed on the WVDE website as live documents (e.g., CAEP accreditation).

The WVDE joined stakeholders across WV to place parameters around residency model. Changes include:

1. Clarified language and definitions related to student teaching
2. Permission for candidates to student teach in accredited non-public schools.
3. Removal of all CAEP-specific language to entertain possibly of other national accreditors. Now CAEP-info is in resource pages online.
4. A K-12 email address is now an option for candidates during their entire residency year (this gives them access to Microsoft Office documents).

EPPRB - non-voting program reviewers added. There are now content experts outside of the WVDE to review syllabi and other course aspects.

Certification - changes like those in 5100. Clarified expectations for WV licensure and testing directory (can find in the testing section of WVDE's website)

Basic skills exemption for ACT - Super Score. Now take the highest score of multiple test settings.

Form 8 series and Form 3 (TIR) are now online applications. Senate bill to shift acronym TIR to CTR is now on Senate floor and should be approved by Friday. Acronym needs to be changed on all applications and in agreements from this point forward (not retroactively). Legal definition of TIRs (CTRs) has been updated and the term is now considered classroom teacher only.

Some of our teachers may have been using Pierpont college for license renewal credits, but credits from Pierpont are no longer accepted by the WVDE for licensure renewal. We need to spread this info if applicable.

This is the year for the yearlong residency model. Entering freshman as of this year will participate in a yearlong residency. Fall of 2024 is the deadline for all institutions to shift to yearlong residency model.

We'll get an invitation tomorrow about how to present a grant proposal to a committee. BSC Ed does very well with grant presentation.

The permit for restricted subbing during student teaching has been removed. All exemptions and waivers for Praxis scores and completion are null and void. These accommodations were in place because of Covid (e.g., testing centers being closed and teacher shortages due to illness and attrition).

Ashley Bowen, MCPS rep, gave an update:

1. After-school programs now being implemented at MCPS schools.
2. 4-week summer enrichment and supplemental programs will be available for local students to get them back on track academically.

Dr. Sargent-Martin asked if Ed students and faculty will be permitted to re-enter schools in fall. Ashley says probably, with restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.