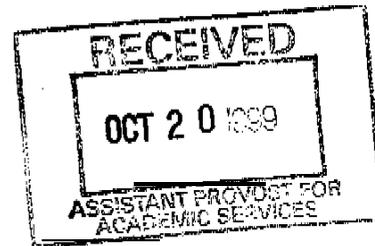


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TO: University Committee on Academic Policy

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Education and Teacher Education Council *Cassandra Book*

SUBJECT: Addendum to Criteria for Progression to Internship in Teacher
Education

DATE: October 19, 1999

PROPOSED REVISION:

I. Requirements for Progression to the Internship

To progress to the internship a teacher candidate must: A) meet the Academic Requirements listed below; B) pass the required State of Michigan certification tests for elementary teaching or the appropriate major and minor subject area tests for secondary teaching; C) submit a complete Criminal Disclosure form; and D) Meet the professional criteria set forth below.



RATIONALE:

Michigan State University has recently been informed of the Higher Education Act Title II regulations which require state and institutional report cards for all students completing teacher preparation programs. These report cards mandate that we report pass rates on all certification tests for teacher education "program completers." The intent of this legislation is to hold institutions accountable for the students who complete their programs. All institutions that receive any federal funds, including Pell grants or any educational support or research grants from the Department of Education, are required to report. The minimal consequence of not reporting is a \$25,000 fine.

We have learned that most other institutions in Michigan and our counterparts nationwide require that students pass their state required certification tests prior to student teaching.

For those programs, student teaching most often occurs in the senior year.

Given the investment students make in MSU's five-year program and the fact

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that we cannot recommend for certification anyone who has not passed the appropriate tests, it seems prudent that we also require students to pass the tests before the internship year. Successful completion of the tests at that time will serve the students well in **their** internships and facilitate smooth progression from the internship to certification.

Therefore, we propose to add to the criteria for progression to the internship the requirement stated above: that students **must** pass the **required** State of Michigan certification tests as a **condition** for entering the internship.

Students who are currently in the leacher education **program** will be held to a phased **system** for meeting the requirements.

Because of the probability of the first report being due in October it is essential that we adopt this policy immediately and inform students of the need to take and pass the tests in the **timeline** prescribed.

This policy was approved by the Teacher Education Council on Friday, October 1.5, 1999.