

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 79, “Standards for Practitioner and Administrator Preparation Programs,” Iowa Administrative Code.

2013 Iowa Acts, House File 215, sections 45 and 110(2), establishes a Teach Iowa student teaching pilot project. Two institutions, one from the Regents and one from an accredited private institution, shall establish a full year student teaching preparation program pilot. This addition to the existing rule provides structure on how those sites will be selected and how the pilot will be enacted at those sites for the duration of the project.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 10, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendment should be directed to Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515) 281-3399; E-mail mike.cormack@iowa.gov or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on September 10, 2013, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and has special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should advise the Department of Education of specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amended rule is intended to implement 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 215, sections 45 and 110 (2).

The following amendment is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 281---79.14(13) as follows:

New section 281---79.14(13) Division III Specific education standards applicable only to initial practioner preparation programs for teacher candidates: teacher preparation

clinical practice standard - Teach Iowa pilot project. The Iowa Department of Education shall establish and administer a Teach Iowa year-long student teaching pilot program. The year-long student teaching pilot must meet all existing student teaching requirements of IAC 281, chapter 79, in addition to the following:

a. Two Iowa Institutions of Higher Education with State Board of Education accredited teacher preparation programs will collaborate with the Iowa Department of Education to conduct this year-long co-teaching based student teaching pilot. One of the two institutions collaborating on the pilot will be under the control of the state board of regents, the other an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9.

b. The Teach Iowa student teaching pilot project shall provide students in teacher preparation programs with a one-year student teaching experience. A student teaching experience provided under the pilot project must include all of the following requirements:

1. A participating institution of higher education shall work with one or more accredited schools or districts (public or private), individually or collaboratively, to place groups of students in a co-teaching student teaching experience for an entire academic year. A participating institution of higher education shall take into consideration geographic diversity in the selection of school districts for participation in the pilot project. A participating institution of higher

education will place an emphasis on student teachers who can become teachers who raise student achievement.

2. A participating institution of higher education shall supervise the student teachers in the classroom and shall provide the students with weekly on-site instruction in pedagogy in the participating school districts.

c. The participating institutions of higher education will collaborate with the Department of Education to develop and administer a monitoring system to evaluate and periodically provide a report on the effectiveness of the Teach Iowa year-long student teaching pilot.

d. Institutions selected to participate in the pilot will be chosen by a panel established by the Director of the Iowa Department of Education using a scaled score of application requirements. Interested institutions will apply for the pilot by describing:

1. Capacity to carry out the work of the pilot;

2. Extent of partnership with local district/school to include documented agreement of district/school administrator(s);

3. Budget;

4. Curriculum plans for on-site instruction to include alignment with institutions' current curriculum;

5. Plans for evaluation effectiveness of pilot on student teacher growth in learning and preparedness for teaching.

e. Selected institutions will develop and administer a year-long student teaching pilot that will:

1. Place a cohort of candidates in a P-12 school in a co-teaching model of student teaching for the duration of an entire academic year.

2. Provide weekly instruction for student teachers in the same P-12 school (or schools) as the student teaching.

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of year-long student teaching.

4. Meet all requirements in IAC 281, 79.14(13).

5. Meet all other requirements of IAC 281, chapter 79.

f. Section 79.14(13) is repealed at the conclusion of the pilot.