

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-303. Educator Preparation Programs.**

3 **R277-303-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Subsection 53E-6-201(3)(a), which allows the Board to establish the criteria for
10 obtaining licenses.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish criteria for educator preparation programs
12 in the State of Utah.

13 **R277-303-2. Definitions.**

14 (1) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the
15 Blind and an accredited private school.

16 (2) "License area" has the same meaning as set forth in Subsection R277-301-
17 2(5)(a).

18 (3) "Professional license" means the educator license described in Section R277-
19 301-6.

20 **R277-303-3. Educator Preparation Program Review and Approval.**

21 (1) The Superintendent shall establish uniform procedures for initial approval and
22 educator preparation programs to ensure compliance with this R277-303.

23 (2) The Superintendent shall approve an educator preparation program that meets
24 the requirements of this rule and the standards for program approval established in:

25 (a) Rule R277-304;

26 (b) Rule R277-305;

27 (c) Rule R277-306; and

28 (d) all other applicable Board rules.

29 (3) The Superintendent shall conduct an on-going review of approved educator
30 preparation programs and shall renew or deny approval for a program at least every seven
31 years.

32 (4) The Superintendent may grant preliminary approval to a new educator
33 preparation program within a Utah public college or university pending approval by the Utah
34 State Board of Regents.

35 (5) The Superintendent shall make a report to the Board when an educator
36 preparation program's initial application for approval is granted or denied.

37 (6) The Superintendent may place an approved educator preparation program on
38 probation for:

39 (a) failure to meet program requirements detailed in applicable Board rules; or

40 (b) failure to submit complete and accurate information in a report required under
41 this rule.

42 (7) The Board may revoke the approval of a probationary program that fails to meet
43 probationary requirements with at least one year's notice.

44 (8) The Superintendent may require a program or subset of programs to submit
45 reports to inform the annual report to the Board required in Section R277-301-10.

46 (9) The Superintendent shall accept an approved educator preparation program's
47 recommendations for a professional license or license area if the prospective licensee has
48 met all other requirements of Board rule.

49 **R277-303-4. Educator Preparation Programs.**

50 (1) An educator preparation program that applies for approval by the Superintendent
51 shall demonstrate how it will ensure that participants:

52 (a) are prepared to meet the Utah Effective Educator Standards established in
53 R277-530;

54 (b) successfully complete or are prepared to complete the pedagogical performance
55 assessment required in R277-301;

56 (c) have met the competencies required in R277-301; and

57 (d) have sufficiently demonstrated the ability to work in the applicable license area

58 and subject area.

59 (2) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1), an educator preparation
60 program that is not also a Utah LEA shall:

61 (a) have a physical location in the state of Utah where participants attend classes;

62 or

63 (b) if the program provides only online instruction:

64 (i) have the program's primary headquarters located in Utah; and

65 (ii) be licensed to do business through the Utah Department of Commerce; and

66 (c) establish entry requirements that are designed to ensure that only high quality
67 individuals enter the preparation program, which include measures of:

68 (i) previous academic success;

69 (ii) disposition for employment in an educational setting; and

70 (iii) basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics; and

71 (d) include a student teaching or intern experience that meets the requirements
72 detailed in:

73 (i) Rule R277-304;

74 (ii) Rule R277-305; and

75 (iii) Rule R277-306; and

76 (e) include a pedagogical performance assessment meeting standards established
77 by the Superintendent for all new students enrolled in the program after January 1, 2020
78 in all license areas for which such an assessment is available.

79 (3) An approved educator preparation program may recommend an individual that
80 completed the program for a professional license or license area for up to five years after
81 the individual completed the program, as long as all current license requirements have
82 been met.

83 (4) If five years have passed since an individual completed an approved educator
84 preparation program, the program may recommend the individual for a professional license
85 or license area if the program:

86 (a) reviews the individual's program; and

87 (b) requires the individual to complete any additional necessary requirements to

88 meet current programs standards prior to making a licensing recommendation.

89 (5) Notwithstanding Subsections (3) and (4), an approved educator preparation
90 program may recommend an individual who began the program before January 1, 2020 for
91 a professional license or license area without meeting the pedagogical performance
92 assessment requirement in R277-301, but must present documentation showing that the
93 individual met the appropriate license requirements in effect prior to that date.

94 **R277-303-5. Superintendent Responsibilities.**

95 (1) The Superintendent shall provide support to educator preparation programs and
96 potential licensees to the extent that funding allows by:

97 (a) maintaining a website to:

98 (i) facilitate collaboration between educator preparation programs;

99 (ii) facilitate communication between potential educators and approved programs;

100 and

101 (iii) provide access to up-to-date research on educator preparation and education
102 practices;

103 (b) reviewing third-party preparation materials for alignment with the Utah Effective
104 Educator Standards in R277-530; and

105 (c) working with potential licensed educators to help them become licensed
106 educators.

107 (2) The Superintendent shall design and maintain a model educator preparation
108 program that:

109 (a) meets all requirements of this rule;

110 (b) may be adopted LEAs; and

111 (c) is overseen by staff distinct from the staff responsible for ensuring educator
112 preparation program compliance with this Rule R277-303.

113 **R277-303-6. Effective Date.**

114 This rule will be effective beginning January 1, 2020.

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