

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 1.—Certificate Regulations

91-1-230. Institutional accreditation and program approval definitions.

(a) "Academic year" means July 1 through the following June 30.

(b) "Annual report" means a document that an institution submits to the commissioner on a yearly basis in which the information specified by the commissioner concerning unit standards and operations, programs offered by the unit, and statistical data is presented.

(c) "Approved," when used to describe a teacher education program, means that the program meets the program standards prescribed in regulations adopted by the state board.

(d) "Approved with stipulation," when used to describe a teacher education program, means that the program has deficiencies in meeting the program standards prescribed in regulations adopted by the state board that the institution shall correct before being approved.

(e) "Commissioner" means the state commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee.

(f) "Evaluation review committee" means the standing committee of the teaching and school administration professional standards board, or its successor, that is responsible for making accreditation and program approval recommendations to the state board.

(g) "Focused visit" means the on-site visit to a teacher education institution that has limited accreditation or accreditation with conditions by the state board and is seeking full accreditation.

(h) "Full accreditation" means the status assigned to a teacher education institution that is determined through a focused visit to meet substantially the accreditation standards adopted by the state board.

(i) "Initial visit" means the first on-site visit to a teacher education institution that is seeking accreditation for the first time from the state board.

(j) "Institutional candidate" means the designation assigned to an institution that is seeking accreditation for the first time and that has met the accreditation preconditions specified by the state board.

(k) "Institutional candidate visit" means an on-site visit that takes place following the designation of institutional candidate status to a teacher education institution.

(l) "Institutional report" means a document that describes how a teacher education institution meets the accreditation standards adopted by the state board.

(m) "Limited accreditation" means the status assigned to a teacher education institution that is determined through an initial visit to meet substantially the accreditation standards adopted by the state board.

(n) "Not approved," when used to describe a teacher education program, means that the program fails substantially to meet program standards adopted by the state board.

(o) "Program report" means a written document that describes coursework, assessment instruments, and performance criteria used in a program to achieve the program standards established by the state board.

(p) "Progress report" means a written document that addresses the stipulations that are noted if a new program is approved with stipulation.

(q) "Review team" means a group of persons appointed by the commissioner to review and analyze reports from teacher education institutions and prepare reports based upon the review and analysis.

(r) "State board" means the state board of education.

(s) "Student teaching" means preservice clinical practice for individuals preparing to become teachers.

(t) "Teacher education institution" and "institution" mean a college or university that offers at least a four-year course of study in higher education and maintains a unit offering teacher education programs.

(u) "Teacher education program" and "program" mean an organized set of learning activities designed to provide prospective school personnel with the knowledge, competencies, and skills to perform successfully in a specified educational position.

(v) "Upgrade report" means a written document that addresses the stipulations noted if an existing program is approved with stipulation.

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