

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 1.—Certificate Regulations

91-1-234. Innovative or experimental programs.

(a) Any teacher education institution desiring to offer an innovative or experimental program to prepare personnel for positions for which no program currently exists, or to utilize a new approach or method for the preparation of education personnel in an existing program, shall submit a written application to the state board for consideration for approval of the proposed program. The application shall include the following:

(1) A written statement of the purpose and objectives of the proposed program;

(2) documentation of the need for the proposed program;

(3) a written statement of the competencies to be acquired by persons who complete the proposed program. These competencies shall include the knowledge and skills required for a beginning teacher or other school professional. This statement of competencies shall be based upon the purpose and objectives of the program;

(4) a written description of the curricula to be used in the proposed program;

(5) a written statement of the administrative structure for governance of, and responsibility for, the proposed program. This statement shall include a designation of the appropriate division, school, college, or department within the institution to act within the framework of general institutional policies on all matters relating to the program. The statement shall also include a designation of the financial and human resources that will be dedicated to the program during its initial five years of operation; and

(6) a timetable that specifies the following information:

(A) The sequence of activities that will occur;

(B) the anticipated schedule of evaluative checkpoints;

(C) identification of competencies to be acquired by the students; and

(D) provisions for program design changes, if necessary, at selected intervals in the program.

The timetable shall give the approximate dates on which periodic program reports are to be submitted to the appropriate institutional officials and the state board.

(b) Each teacher education institution offering an innovative or experimental program shall provide for continuing evaluation of the program, including performance criteria and follow-up at specified intervals. The provisions concerning evaluation of the program shall include a definition and specification of the kinds of evidence that will be gathered and reported. Each evaluation shall provide information to identify areas in the program that need improvement and to suggest new directions for program development.

(Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective Aug. 10, 2007.)

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