

**WSR 22-08-099**  
**PROPOSED RULES**  
**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR**  
**STANDARDS BOARD**

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 22-02-043.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 181-78A-027 Waiver of clinical practice and coursework by a preparation program provider, and 181-79A-228 Emergency teacher certificates.

Hearing Location(s): On May 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., at The Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Boulevard, Richland, WA 99352. Exact meeting location and a link to listen to the meeting virtually will be available several weeks prior to the meeting. More information regarding this can be found on our website <https://www.pesb.wa.gov/about-us/board-meetings/>.

Date of Intended Adoption: May 19, 2022.

Submit Written Comments to: Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB), 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, email [pesb.k12.wa.us](mailto:pesb.k12.wa.us), by 8:00 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2022.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: PESB, phone 360-725-6275, email [pesb.k12.wa.us](mailto:pesb.k12.wa.us), by 8:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Communities continue to experience a public health crisis related to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Educator preparation programs and their candidates face ongoing challenges related to this public health situation. These emergency rule changes would extend existing pandemic supports that address these challenges for educator preparation programs and candidates. The pandemic supports include: WAC 181-78A-027 Waiver of clinical practice and coursework by a preparation program provider, this section allows preparation program providers to review a candidate's work and learning experiences, and waive required clinical practice and/or coursework if the program determines the candidate has the knowledge and skills to be otherwise gained from the required clinical practice or coursework; and WAC 181-79A-228 Emergency teacher certificates, this section allows for emergency certificates for teacher preparation program candidates who have not completed assessment requirements, but have completed all other program completion requirements. These emergency certificates are valid for one year.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Changes in educational settings due to current public health concerns mean that some educator candidates are unable to complete clinical practice and coursework in traditional settings and may be unable to take required assessments (i.e. basic skills and content knowledge assessments) in a timely manner. WAC 181-78A-027 allows preparation programs to review a candidate's previous field experience and coursework to determine if the candidate has the requisite knowledge and skills. WAC 181-79A-228 would allow emergency certificates for candidates who have not completed assessment requirements. Emergency certificates allow candidates to serve in their educator role while they complete the assessment requirements.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

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A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules adopt, amend, or repeal a procedure, practice, or requirement relating to agency hearings; or a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

April 5, 2022  
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#### OTS-3569.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-16-033, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20)

**WAC 181-78A-027 Waiver of clinical practice and course work by a preparation program provider.** (1) Based on review of current educational settings, and review of a candidate's previous course work, field experiences, work experiences, and alternative learning experiences, an educator preparation program provider may waive or reduce in length the required clinical practice, and/or waive required course work, if based on the review the provider determines that the candidate has the knowledge and skills to be otherwise gained from the required clinical practice or course work.

(2) Under this section, educator preparation program providers may waive or reduce in length the required clinical practice and/or course work through June 30, (~~(2021)~~) 2023.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 20-16-033, § 181-78A-027, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]

#### OTS-3570.1

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-08-001, filed 3/24/21, effective 4/24/21)

**WAC 181-79A-228 Emergency teacher certificates.** Emergency teacher certificates, valid for one year, may be issued by the superintendent of public instruction under the following conditions:

(1) A teacher preparation program approved by the professional educator standards board has recommended the candidate as having met all requirements for program completion with the exception of one or more of the following:

(a) The performance assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232;

(b) The content knowledge assessment as described in chapter 181-78A WAC; and

(c) The basic skills assessment as described in WAC 181-78A-232.

(2) During the validity period of the certificate, preparation program providers are required to inform, advise, and support applicants on assessment requirements as described in WAC 181-78A-231(3).

(3) Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for an emergency certificate under this section through ~~((December 31, 2021))~~ June 30, 2023.

(4) One additional one-year emergency certificate may be issued upon recommendation by the preparation program provider. Teacher preparation programs may recommend candidates for this additional one-year emergency certificate through June 30, ~~((2022))~~ 2024.

(5) Candidates recommended for an emergency certificate under this section must apply for that certificate through the office of superintendent of public instruction no later than December 31, ~~((2022))~~ 2024.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-08-001, § 181-79A-228, filed 3/24/21, effective 4/24/21; WSR 20-16-034, § 181-79A-228, filed 7/25/20, effective 8/25/20.]