

CHAPTER 9A
NEW JERSEY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

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Chapter 9A, New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, expires on November 12, 2022.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 9A, New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, was recodified from Subchapter 10, Standards for New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs in Higher Education, of Chapter 9, Professional Licensure and Standards, by administrative change, effective August 4, 2014. As part of the recodification, attendant technical changes were made to the rule text concerning cross-references and the applicability of current chapter definitions. See: 46 N.J.R. 1743(a).

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 9A, New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, was scheduled to expire on December 10, 2015. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

Chapter 9A, New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs, was re-adopted as R.2015 d.195, effective November 12, 2015. As part of R.2015 d.195, Subchapter 1, Scope and Purpose, Subchapter 4, CEAS Educator Preparation Programs, and Subchapter 5, CE Educator Preparation Programs, were adopted as new rules; and Subchapter 3, Standards for New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs in Higher Education, was renamed Educator Preparation Program Approval, effective December 7, 2015. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

6A:9A-1.1 Scope

This chapter sets forth the rules governing the approval of CEAS and CE educator preparation programs and their content. It also contains the rules governing the preparation of educators and candidates that is required for certification.

New Rule, R.2015 d.195, effective December 7, 2015.
 See: 47 N.J.R. 1715(a), 47 N.J.R. 2982(a).

6A:9A-1.2 Purpose

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to establish a system of educator preparation programs that continuously serves to improve the quality of instruction for New Jersey's children preparing them for post-secondary education and/or careers.

(b) Educator preparation programs shall function along a continuum of rigorous pre-professional preparation, certification, and professional development to prepare educators to support improved student achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS).

New Rule, R.2015 d.195, effective December 7, 2015.
 See: 47 N.J.R. 1715(a), 47 N.J.R. 2982(a).

SUBCHAPTER 2. DEFINITIONS

6A:9A-2.1 Definitions

The definitions set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1 shall apply to the words and terms used in this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER 3. EDUCATOR PREPARATION
PROGRAM APPROVAL

6A:9A-3.1 Approval criteria of educator preparation programs

(a) The Commissioner shall approve all educator preparation programs designed to lead to State certification, including: educator preparation programs from higher education institutions chartered in the State and programs that have a physical presence in New Jersey but are run by out-of-State institutions that are approved by the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education; and educator preparation programs established by educational organizations, school districts or consortia, or Commissioner-approved entities.

(b) Educator preparation program approval shall be based on the following:

1. Compliance with State Professional Standards for Teachers and Professional Standards for School Leaders as established in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.3 and 3.4;

2. The following accreditation requirements:

i. For CEAS educator preparation programs, accreditation through NCATE, the TEAC, the CAEP, or any other professional education accreditation body recognized by the CHEA or approved by the Commissioner; or

ii. For CE educator preparation programs designed to lead to an instructional certificate, accreditation by January 1, 2022, through NCATE, the TEAC, the CAEP, or any other professional education accreditation body recognized by the CHEA or approved by the Commissioner;

3. Compliance with educator preparation program requirements in this chapter or in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, as applicable; and

4. Performance, as indicated by the required documentation in N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-3.2(f), for operating programs.

(c) If the program provider operates an educator preparation program, the Commissioner may consider available data and performance evidence from the program provider's operating educator preparation program(s) before approving any new program under the same program provider.

Amended by R.2005 d.110, effective April 4, 2005.
See: 36 N.J.R. 5044(a), 37 N.J.R. 1060(a).

In (f), rewrote the first sentence; added (m).
Amended by R.2006 d.170, effective May 15, 2006.
See: 37 N.J.R. 4612(a), 38 N.J.R. 2126(a).

In (a), substituted "Department" for "State Board" and added "approved by the State Board" to the end; added the last sentences in (j) and (m); and added (n).

Amended by R.2008 d.7, effective January 7, 2008.
See: 39 N.J.R. 3441(a), 40 N.J.R. 113(b).

In (a)1, deleted "and" from the end; in (a)2, substituted "; and" for a period at the end; and added (a)3.

Amended by R.2009 d.24, effective January 5, 2009.
See: 40 N.J.R. 4856(a), 41 N.J.R. 128(a).

Rewrote the section.
Administrative correction.
See: 45 N.J.R. 1909(b).

Amended by R.2014 d.112, effective July 7, 2014.
See: 45 N.J.R. 2072(a), 46 N.J.R. 1634(a).

Rewrote the section.
Amended by R.2015 d.195, effective December 7, 2015.
See: 47 N.J.R. 1715(a), 47 N.J.R. 2982(a).

Section was "Requirements and standards for the approval of professional education programs preparing educational personnel". Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

In petitioner's appeal from a denial of an instructional certification with endorsements in elementary and special education, the Commissioner and the Department of Education lacked jurisdiction over the college that declined to recommend her for certification; the college could not be ordered to recommend petitioner for certification because there was no statute, regulation, or case law to support such an action and, additionally, petitioner failed to show that the college acted in bad faith where she never satisfied the requirements for enrollment in the college (decided under former N.J.A.C. 6A:9-10.1). *Glennon v. N.J. State Bd. of Examiners*, OAL Dkt. No. EDU 7419-07, 2009 N.J. AGEN LEXIS 745, Final Decision (September 18, 2009).

6A:9A-3.2 Approval process for educator preparation programs

(a) The Commissioner has the authority and discretion to approve all new or substantially revised educator preparation programs and he or she shall consider the State Program Approval Council's analysis of the proposed program and its recommendation for approval.

(b) The Commissioner shall appoint a State Program Approval Council and shall consult the Council on matters pertaining to the quality of educator preparation programs designed to lead to an instructional certificate as required for teachers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8, an administrative certificate as required for administrators pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12, and an educational service certificate as required for educational service personnel pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14. The State Program Approval Council shall be comprised of no more than 11 members who shall serve two-year, renewable terms. The State Program Approval Council shall include:

1. Four representatives from CEAS educator preparation programs;
2. Three representatives from CE educator preparation programs; and
3. Four practitioners from preschool through grade 12 schools.

(c) All new or substantially revised educator preparation programs shall secure approval from the Commissioner prior to implementation.

1. If changes are made to the educator preparation program's course content or requirements, or clinical com-