R4576 Rulemaking Update: Proposed changes to the unit and program rules

Status Update

- Comment period still open
- Over 50 written comments received
- 17 stakeholder meetings
- 6 subcommittee meetings

Purpose

- Establish uniform standards for all provider types
- Clarify existing areas of confusion
- Increase transparency about unit and program approval process

Unit Standards

- 65 existing standards (31 proposed standards in Draft 3)
- Types of standards:
  - Program design (proposed standards 1 – 6)
  - Designated school partnerships (proposed standards 7 – 9)
  - Field experiences and student teaching (proposed standards 10 – 15)
  - Candidate recruitment, advisement, and tracking (proposed standards 16 – 20)
  - Teacher educators (proposed standards 21 – 28)
  - Unit and program oversight (proposed standards 29 – 31)
- Outstanding issues:
  - Student teaching requirements for initial licensure, dual licensure, and when adding a license
  - Instructor qualifications
  - Alignment with Title II reporting requirements and definitions

Unit & Program Approval

- Existing rule requires site visits every five or seven years (proposed rule requires site visits every six years)
- Existing rule requires program reviews every two years (proposed rule requires program reviews every three years)
- Outstanding issues:
  - Clarifying board determinations and actions
  - Which programs should go to the PRP for review

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