Memorandum

Date: July 19, 2022

From: Dr. Alberto López, Associate Dean

To: Candidates in educator licensure programs

Re: Public Health Emergency Executive Order Extension June 2022

Cc: NEIU faculty and staff affiliated with educator preparation programs
Dr. Thomas Philion, Dean
Dr. Andrea E. Evans, Interim Provost
Ms. Rahshida Walker, Registrar

On June 24, 2022, Governor Pritzker extended Executive Order 2020-30, which provides information on temporary exemptions of specific educator licensure requirements due to the coronavirus crisis. As stated in the college’s Memorandum from April 28, 2020, these exemptions were in place for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. The Governor issued and signed a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation that will be in effect past June 30, 2022.

In accordance with Section 25.1015 of Part 25 of the Illinois Administrative Code, the edTPA licensure requirement will be waived during the Spring 2023 academic term due to this disaster proclamation. The earliest it could be required again is during the Fall 2023 term. Relatedly, content tests will continue to be required at the time of licensure rather than prior to student teaching. However, based on the most recent proclamation, beginning Fall 2023, students must pass the content area test before student teaching unless the order is again extended.

What does this mean if you plan to complete student teaching in Fall 2022 or Spring 2023?

- You do not need to submit or pass the edTPA for licensure. However, if you are planning to transfer your license to another state, please consult if that state will accept the edTPA waiver in case edTPA is required by that other state.
- You do not need to pass the content test before student teaching; the content test will be required for licensure. Please, do not delay in passing your content test. Contact your program advisor if you think you will not pass the content test by the end of the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. You will need to petition to graduate without the content test. Your content test must be reflected in ELIS when grades are due. Consult the university calendar.

What does this mean if you plan to complete student teaching in Fall 2023?

- You need to pass the content test BEFORE student teaching.
- You must submit and pass the edTPA for licensure during the semester you complete student teaching.

Please, consult with your program advisor if you have further questions.