Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
250 Division Street NE
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February 6-7, 2025
Educator Preparation & Pathways

ITEM:	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU): GRADUATE SPECIAL EDUCATION: GENERALIST FOR PRE-SERVICE CANDIDATES NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL
ACTION:	**ACTION ITEM**
RECOMMENDATIONS:	The Educator Preparation & Pathways Committee of the TSPC recommends adoption of the following resolutions: **RESOLVED,** that the Commission grants Oregon State University State Recognition with Conditions for a graduate Special Education: Generalist program for pre-service candidates, based upon a favorable review of the submitted proposal documents; **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that Oregon State University be approved to implement the new program beginning June 2025; **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the above-referenced program will undergo a focused program review, which will begin when two cycles of data are available after full implementation of the program, tentatively planned for Fall 2028; **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that, upon favorable review by the Commission, the conditional approval will be removed; and **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that OSU is to be commended for reducing access barriers, particularly for employed candidates, by providing an online, asynchronous program in the high needs area of Special Education.
INFORMATION:	OAR 584-400-0060, State Recognition: New Programs, requires preparation providers (EPPs) to receive state recognition of new licensure, endorsement, specialization or career and technical education programs prior to recommending program completers for the requested credential.

Oregon State University requests approval to provide a graduate Special Education: Generalist program for pre-service candidates. The proposed program is designed to be delivered online and asynchronously to reduce access barriers to better accommodate candidates' schedules, particularly those currently employed in schools. Grounded in a social justice focus, it emphasizes inclusive, strength-based assessment and recognizes disability as an aspect of diversity. By focusing on the recruitment of diverse candidates, the program seeks to align the teaching workforce more closely with the diversity of Oregon's student population while meeting the critical demand for special education professionals.

At their January 16, 2025, meeting, Educator Preparation and Pathways Committee members determined to recommend approval to the full Commission and for the item to be placed on the program consent agenda at the February 6-7, 2025, Commission meeting.

Information regarding the new program request is included as Attachment 5.1d (1): OSU Graduate SPED: Generalist New Program Proposal. The attachment includes comprehensive description of the proposed program and supporting documentation. A version including confidential information is provided to Commissioners as Attachment 5.1d (2) on the secure server.

Attachments:
5.1d (1): OSU G SPED Gen New Program Proposal
5.1d (2): OSU G SPED Gen New Program Proposal (secure server)