

## **256.16 Specific criteria for teacher preparation and certain educators.**

1. Pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 5, the state board shall adopt rules requiring all higher education institutions providing practitioner preparation to do the following:

*a.* Administer a basic skills test to practitioner preparation program admission candidates. Rules adopted shall require institutions to deny admission to the program to any candidate who does not successfully pass the test.

*b.* Include preparation in reading programs, including reading recovery, and integrate reading strategies into content area methods coursework.

*c.* Include in the professional education program, preparation that contributes to the education of students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented, and preparation in classroom management addressing high-risk behaviors including, but not limited to, behaviors related to substance abuse. Preparation required under this paragraph must be successfully completed before graduation from the practitioner preparation program.

2. A person initially applying for a license shall successfully complete a professional education program containing the subject matter specified in this section, before the initial action by the board of educational examiners takes place.

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1416; 89 Acts, ch 265, § 27; 96 Acts, ch 1129, § 67; 99 Acts, ch 191, §1