

281—79.22(256) Intern program governance and resources standard. Governance and resources adequately support the preparation of teacher intern candidates to meet professional, state and institutional standards. As a component of the program, the institution will work collaboratively with the local school district(s) or AEA. The program is required to meet the following standards in addition to the standards in rule 281—79.10(256).

79.22(1) The teacher intern preparation program and LEAs will work collaboratively to provide opportunities for teacher intern candidates to observe and be observed by others and to engage in discussion and reflection on clinical practice.

79.22(2) The LEA will provide the following:

- a.* An offer of employment to a teacher intern candidate in the program in one of the endorsements identified on the department's website at educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educator-quality/practitioner-preparation;
- b.* A mentoring and induction program with a district-assigned mentor; and
- c.* An assurance that the LEA will not overload the intern with extracurricular duties.

79.22(3) The program has a clearly articulated process regarding candidate and intern performance, aligned with the institutional policy, for decisions impacting progress through the program. Program and school district policies for removal and replacement of interns from their internship assignments are clearly communicated to all candidates, school administrators and faculty.

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