

281—79.2(256) Definitions. For purposes of clarity, the following definitions are used throughout the chapter:

“Administrator candidates” means individuals who are enrolled in practitioner preparation programs leading to administrator licensure.

“Administrator preparation programs” means the programs of practitioner preparation leading to licensure of administrators.

“Candidates” means individuals who are preparing to become educational practitioners through a practitioner preparation program.

“Clinical experiences” means a candidate’s direct experiences in PK-12 schools. “Clinical experiences” includes field experiences prior to student teaching or internship; internships for preparation programs other than teacher preparation; and student teaching, a full-time clinical practice experience in which the teacher preparation program culminates.

“College/university supervisors” means qualified employees or individuals contracted by the college or university offering teacher preparation who provide guidance and supervision to teacher candidates during the candidates’ clinical experiences in the schools.

“Cooperating administrators” means school administrators who provide guidance and supervision to administrator candidates during the candidates’ clinical experiences in the schools.

“Cooperating teachers” means appropriately licensed classroom teachers of record who provide guidance and supervision to teacher candidates in the cooperating teachers’ classrooms during the candidates’ field experiences in the schools.

“Department” means department of education.

“Director” means director of education.

“Diverse groups” means one or more groups of individuals possessing certain traits or characteristics, including but not limited to age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socioeconomic status.

“Institution” means a college or university in Iowa offering practitioner, including administrator, preparation or an organization offering administrator preparation and seeking state board approval of its practitioner preparation program(s).

“INTASC” means Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium, the source of national standards for beginning teachers.

“ISLLC” means Interstate School Leaders and Licensure Consortium, a source of national standards for school administrators.

“ISSL” means Iowa Standards for School Leaders, the ISLLC standards with additional expectations for Iowa school leaders.

“Mentor” means an experienced educator who provides guidance to a practitioner, administrator candidate or novice educator.

“Novice” means an individual in an educational position who has no previous experience in the role of that position or who is newly licensed by the board of educational examiners.

“Practitioner candidates” means individuals who are enrolled in practitioner preparation programs leading to licensure as teachers or other professional school personnel that require a license issued by the board of educational examiners.

“Practitioner preparation programs” means the programs of practitioner preparation leading to licensure of teachers, administrators, and other professional school personnel.

“Program” means a specific field of specialization leading to a specific endorsement.

“State board” means Iowa state board of education.

“Students” means PK-12 pupils.

“Teacher candidates” means individuals who are enrolled in practitioner preparation programs leading to teacher licensure.

“Unit” means the organizational entity within an institution with the responsibility of administering the practitioner preparation program(s).