

**281—77.2(256) Definitions.** For purposes of clarity, the following definitions are used throughout the chapter:

“*AEA*” means area education agency.

“*BOEE*” means the board of educational examiners, the board responsible for establishing licensure requirements and issuing licenses.

“*Cooperating teachers*” means classroom teachers who provide guidance and supervision to teacher candidates during the candidates’ field experiences in the schools.

“*Department*” means the department of education.

“*Director*” means the director of education.

“*Institution*” means a four-year college or university in Iowa offering teacher intern preparation and seeking state board approval of its teacher intern preparation program.

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

“*Intern*” means an individual who is enrolled in a teacher intern preparation program leading to teacher intern licensure.

“*Mentor*” means an individual, employed by a school district or area education agency as a classroom teacher, or a retired teacher, who holds a valid license issued under Iowa Code chapter 272. The individual must have a record of four years of successful teaching practice with at least two of the four years on a nonprobationary basis and must demonstrate professional commitment to both the improvement of teaching and learning and the development of beginning teachers or teacher interns.

“*Practitioner*” means a teacher, administrator, or other school personnel holding a license issued by the board of educational examiners.

“*Program*” means the program for teacher intern preparation at colleges and universities leading to licensure of teacher interns.

“*State board*” means the state board of education.

“*Teacher intern candidate*” means an individual who is enrolled in a teacher intern preparation program leading to teacher intern licensure.

“*Teacher intern preparation program*” means the program for teacher intern preparation at colleges and universities leading to licensure of teacher interns.

“*Unit*” means the organizational entity within an institution with the responsibility of administering the teacher intern preparation program.