



**TO:** Higher Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendment of Section 80-5.9 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to the Eligibility of School Psychology Candidates for the Internship Certificate

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### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Discussion**

Should the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendment of section 80-5.9 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to the eligibility of school psychology candidates for the Internship certificate?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Review of Policy.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The proposed amendment will be presented to the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its March 2021 Board of Regents meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached.

#### **Procedural History**

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the State Register on March 31, 2021. Supporting materials for the proposed amendment are available upon request from the Secretary to the Board of Regents.

#### **Background Information**

Candidates who are enrolled in a registered teacher, school leadership, or school counseling preparation program that includes an internship experience and have completed at least one-half of the semester-hour requirements for the program are eligible for the Internship certificate. To earn the certificate, they must receive an

institutional recommendation for the certificate from their program and complete the fingerprint clearance.

The Internship certificate enables candidates to work in a New York State public school in the area of the certificate title for their internship experience. Candidates who are enrolled in a registered school psychology program are not eligible for the Internship certificate. There is interest from the field for the Internship certificate to be available for this group of candidates.

### **Proposed Amendment**

The Department is proposing to allow candidates who are enrolled in a registered school psychology program that includes an internship experience and have completed at least one-half of the semester-hour requirements for the program to be eligible for the Internship certificate. The proposal would allow these candidates to be employed by a school district or BOCES as school psychologists for their internship experience if they apply for and receive the Internship certificate.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

Not applicable.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Following the 60-day public comment period required under the State Administrative Procedure Act, it is anticipated that the proposed amendment will be presented to the Board of Regents for adoption at its July 2021 meeting. If adopted at the July 2021 meeting, the proposed amendment will become effective on July 28, 2021.

**Attachment A**

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 210, 305, 3001, 3004, and 3009.

1. Subdivision (a) of section 80-5.9 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) A candidate in a registered or approved graduate program of teacher education, school leadership[ or ], school counseling, or school psychology which includes an internship experience(s) and who has completed at least one-half of the semester-hour requirement for the program may, at the request of the institution, be issued an internship certificate for a fee of \$50.