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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans of Education
FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education
SUBJECT: Implementation of the 2015 Educator Preparation Chapter of the
Alabama Administrative Code

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In a memorandum dated January 4, 2016, I indicated that new checklists for all programs must be submitted by October 1, 2016, and that those new checklists must reflect how your institution will meet the diversity course requirement. I also indicated that new checklist forms would be posted soon. With input from several of you, checklists templates were revised (2/29/2016) and are now posted via the following link: <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ep/Pages/programreviews-all.aspx?navtext=ProgramReviews>. A preliminary list of approved diversity courses will be posted no later than March 21, 2016. Other approved courses will be added from time to time.

Let me remind you about two specific requirements effective July 1, 2016, and applicable to early childhood education (ECE) and early childhood special education (ECSE) programs:

1. For early childhood education and early childhood special education programs, **field experiences** shall include placements in at least two of the three main types of early education settings [early school grades (K-3), child care centers and homes, and Office of School Readiness programs].
2. For early childhood education and early childhood special education programs, the **internship** shall include a placement with at least two of the following age groups: birth-age 3, age 3-5, age 5-8. (Please note that information on page 261 of the Educator Preparation Chapter provides some flexibility with regard to P-12 clinical faculty.)

We know that many of you make field experience and internship placements well in advance. Requirement #1 is applicable to ECE and ECSE candidates who participate in field experiences during the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter. Requirement #2 is applicable to ECE and ECSE candidates who complete their internships during spring semester 2016-2017 and thereafter.

If you have questions, please contact our Educator Preparation staff member who is assigned to your institution.

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