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Public hearing set Feb. 17 on educator licensing rules

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing on Feb. 17 in Madison to accept public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules for two changes to administrative code required by revisions to teacher education program approval and licenses that were enacted as part of the 2015-17 state budget.

The hearing will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the department's headquarters in GEF 3, Room P41, 125 South Webster Street, Madison. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

The emergency and proposed permanent rules revise Chapter PI 34 so it aligns the DPI's administrative code with changes made in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. Specifically, the proposed rules address adding accreditation types including national accreditation and programmatic accreditation as allowable within program approval and licensure. Additionally, the proposed rules clarify the definition of an institution of higher education in reference to credits used for license renewal and three new license types that were added in the 2015-17 state budget. The proposed rules establish standards of attainment and procedures for licensing teachers for an experience-based technical education license, a license based on reciprocity, and an initial license to teach at a Montessori school.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the public hearing may provide written comments. Send comments on the proposed rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than March 2.

A copy of the emergency and proposed permanent rules as well as the fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/administrative-rules>. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted by sending an e-mail to Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Carl Bryan, budget and policy analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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