

**8705.0200 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope of definitions.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Advanced academic preparation.** "Advanced academic preparation" means a minimum of a master's degree and content expertise in the licensure subject to be taught.

Subp. 3. **Assessment system.** "Assessment system" means a comprehensive and integrated set of evaluation measures that provides information for use in monitoring candidate demonstration of standards, and managing and improving unit operations and programs.

Subp. 4. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Board of Teaching.

Subp. 5. **Endorsement.** "Endorsement" means a licensure field that cannot be earned as an initial license.

Subp. 6. **Field experience.** "Field experience" means a school-based opportunity in which candidates may observe teachers and students, assist, tutor, instruct, or conduct research.

Subp. 7. **Institution.** "Institution" means a regionally accredited baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree-granting college or university.

Subp. 8. **Program completer.**

A. "Program completer" means a person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program, including all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript, or other written proof of having met the program's requirements. In applying this definition, that an individual has or has not been recommended to the state for certification or licensure may not be used as a criterion for determining who is a program completer. A program must include a candidate as a program completer in data submissions if the candidate:

(1) is subject to testing requirements for the licensure field, regardless of passing status;

(2) is subject to the teacher performance assessment (edTPA) requirement as part of the licensing program, regardless of passing status;

(3) completes a student teaching placement;

(4) is enrolled in any licensure program, including endorsement fields; or

(5) receives a degree or certificate of completion regardless of whether a recommendation for licensure is given.

B. Notwithstanding item A, transfer candidates, including those prepared out of state, who have completed less than 50 percent of a licensure program's total requirements at the current institution should not be included.

Subp. 9. **Related services.** "Related services" means nonclassroom teaching fields under the purview of the Board of Teaching, including school nurse, school counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, and speech-language pathologist.

Subp. 10. **Scope.** "Scope" means the prekindergarten through grade 12 student age or grade span of the licensure field.

Subp. 11. **Teacher preparation program.** "Teacher preparation program" means a college or university program approved by the Board of Teaching for the purpose of preparing individuals for a specific teacher licensure field in Minnesota.

Subp. 12. **Unit.** "Unit" means an institution or a defined subdivision of the institution, for example a college, department, or division, which has primary responsibility for overseeing and delivering teacher preparation programs.

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