

# WVWC Spring EPPAC Meeting

04/16/25

## Agenda

### A. Welcome and Introductions

~Present: School of Education faculty - Dr. Samples, Dr. Scott Biola, Vicki Sharp- Clinical Experience Director, Dr. Pam Wovchko -Math faculty, Kristin Hines – Upshur County Schools Teacher, Traci Tuttle – WVDE representative, Hannah Thome- Admin assistant

### B. Updates from WVDE

- a. WVDE discussed multiple resources for creating and encouraged frequent updating of MOUs, emphasizing that the hosting school districts should include technological access or practice with technology as part of the agreement with EPPs. There are multiple shared documents relating to MOUs that were emailed to the EPP.
- b. WVDE is highlighting many new programs relating to removing the barrier of PRAXIS tests with alternative skill tests for those who were in a certain bracket of closeness to passing the PRAXIS tests. This will be called PRAXIS Bridge and it does have a fee of \$50 vs PRAXIS skills tests being \$60. This is just available for the Elementary Edu skills tests as of now. There is also a program called PRAXIS Steps (here the university lost power briefly and I was disconnected from the meeting).
- c. New Elementary tests are coming in 2026, with a seminar on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-4 about the new tests
- d. Policy 5100 discussed a liaison with partners from the college to the districts, and how the districts should include college staff/make them aware of teacher trainings they could attend. This should be mentioned in the MOUs, which Dr. Samples asked a clarifying question about lawyers being involved. The WVDE had their legal team look the MOU example sent out over.

### C. Undergraduate enrollment updates

- a) Graduates Fall 2024/Spring 2025 -- T. Samples (1 in fall, 3 in spring)
- b) Clinical/Student Teaching Placements – (prepared by V. Sharp)- See attached sheet.  
Only one correction was needed as there are 5 SPED minors
- c) 40 incoming students were accepted who may major in education and 8 have paid.

### D. Old Business

- a. Continue to review SPED Major and offerings.
- b. PRAXIS Core- creation of EPPs own tests possibly
- c. Review of MUSIC program offering EDUC 246 vs. EDUC 241

### E. Curriculum Updates

- a. Educational Studies
- b. Possible collaboration with Sociology for a Edu Policy in the Public Service program? Internship for interested student at the WVDE discussed.

### F. Other Business

- a) CAEP- Dr. Samples has been analyzing trends to see how EPP can better support students in consistent areas of struggle that change with each cohort (now writing, previously math skills)
- b) Open Floor
- c) Questions/Comments