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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deans and Directors of Colleges of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Frances Haithcock, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools

**DATE:** July 13, 2009

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR INITIAL AND CONTINUED APPROVAL STANDARDS FOR INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

Revisions to the Educator Preparation Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C., were adopted by the State Board of Education March 19, 2006, giving colleges of education more flexibility in program design with emphasis on performance in outcomes-based educator preparation programs. Standards were created based on the adopted rule changes and institutions submitted documentation of program revisions based on new requirements in August 2008.

The Initial and Continued Approval Standards and the Guidelines are attached. These standards should be used for all institutions seeking initial and/or continuing approval for their initial teacher preparation programs. These guidelines provide the criteria for each of the Approval Standards. The Initial Approval Standards will need to be used for folio submissions. The Continued Approval Standards will need to be used for your yearly Institutional Program Evaluation Plans (IPEPs) and site visits.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rebecca Pfeiffer at (850) 245-0608 or by email at [rebecca.pfeiffer@fldoe.org](mailto:rebecca.pfeiffer@fldoe.org).

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