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Dear Dr. Goodman:

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of your request for the New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning (NJCTL) through the equivalency and waiver process for:

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-9.1(a)1iii

To consider credits earned by candidates through NJCTL's add-on endorsement programs approved by the Department of Education (Department) to be equivalent to credits earned at an accredited college or university. Only courses identified by the Department as part of the following NJCTL add-on endorsement programs may be used to satisfy the subject-matter coursework requirements, regardless of whether the candidate completes the full endorsement program: biology; chemistry; kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) mathematics; middle school mathematics; middle school science; physics; and physical science.

Please be advised that this equivalency does not apply to NJCTL coursework outside of the Department-approved course list or the above-referenced programs.

Approval of the equivalency is for three years, presuming NJCTL maintains approval by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education to operate as a graduate school of education; accreditation by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP); and candidate and/or accreditation status by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). If NJCTL fails to fulfill any of the stipulated conditions, approval of the equivalency ends immediately.

This equivalency is consistent with the spirit and intent of the applicable State laws and regulations because permitting candidates to use qualifying coursework toward endorsement requirements may reduce barriers to certification, lower costs, and accelerate endorsement attainment while preserving appropriate controls to ensure educator quality.

The equivalency and waiver process is a means to seek immediate regulatory relief and to develop innovative approaches and cost-effective solutions that meet the individual needs of institutions. I am pleased that you have chosen to participate in this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lily Laux
Commissioner

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