

Dakota Wesleyan University
Program Review Summary Comments
Fall 2011

The teacher preparation programs at DWU were reviewed by independent reviewers. Each of the programs was recognized as meeting the standards and are recommended for continuation as initial, advanced, and certification-only degree programs.

Listed below are some of the reviewer comments.

Summary of strengths:

Certification Only education program

There were 6 completers the last two years and they achieved a 100% pass rate on the Praxis and PLT exams.

The candidates in this program have an exceptional pass rate on the assessments. There is evidence that the results are evaluated by staff and modifications are made to strengthen the program.

Elementary education program

All students met the minimum requirements to achieve a passing score on the Praxis and PLT. There was a 100% pass rate.

A good mix of assessments was utilized.

Both content and pedagogy were well established in the report.

Feedback to promote student learning is documented and ongoing.

The university is making program changes based on data.

Candidates are involved in self-assessment throughout the learning process.

Statistics were clearly displayed for review.

English education program

The candidates achieved a 100% pass rate on the Praxis and PLT.

English Ed faculty is participating in the data evaluation process.

This program has well qualified instructors.

Candidates have demonstrated content and pedagogical knowledge on the assessments.

Assessments are appropriately related to the standards and well explained.

The curriculum is strong and relevant to the standards.

History education program

Results for the History PRAXIS II exam and the PRAXIS Principles of Learning and Teaching exam show that 100% of DWU history teacher candidates passed the exams.

The fact that the 4 DWU history teacher candidates who took the PRAXIS II exam and the Principles of Learning and Teaching exam passed is a positive reflection on the breadth of history and education courses included in the History Education program.

Math education program

The report shows 5 completers and 100% pass rate on the Praxis and PLT.

The students who have come through the program appear to be generally strong students in math who have also done well in all of the required assessments. The lesson planning evaluation is based on the INTASC standards.

Principal Preparation program

The overall program of study appears to address all the standards and sub-standards. DWU faculty appear to be growth orientated and are continuing to look for ways to improve their program to meet the needs of future administrators based on current research and a vision of the future.

Special Education program

100% of candidates passed the Praxis and PLT assessments.

High candidate performance on Praxis II SPED content exam and PLT.

The program has clear transition points.

Technical elements of the report were clear overall.

Data was reported clearly for all assessments.