

Rule 6A-4.003 is amended to include a new subsection (5):

6A-4.003 Degrees, Programs, and Credits. Degrees, programs, and credits shall be determined acceptable for educator certification purposes based on the following:

(5) The Department may not approve an education credential evaluation agency that does not:

(a) Employ evaluation staff that have recent, substantive experience in the United States in foreign credential evaluation work covering all levels of education and verify that staff receive on-going training and professional development in credential evaluation methods and procedures.

(b) Provide verification that the agency has developed and documents procedures for identifying the authenticity of foreign educational credentials.

(c) Make available to the public, evaluation policies and fees.

(d) Maintain a current reference library and materials pertinent to the evaluation of foreign credentials that includes standard references in the field and identifies bibliographic listing.

(e) Use reliable translation services for educational credentials.

(f) Prepare evaluation reports based on complete, identified documentation, including the name and location of the

institution, the name of the program, diploma, degree, major field of study, year(s) of completion, and the equivalency to earned accredited postsecondary college credit in the United States.

(g) Provide a list of three or more references with contact information such as state departments of education, professional education organizations, or postsecondary institutions.

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