

## **16 NCAC 06C .0334      DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this Section unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) Ratings on the domains of the North Carolina Educator Evaluation System (NCEES) are in order of quality (lowest to highest) as follows: Not Demonstrated, Developing, Proficient, Accomplished, and Distinguished.
- (2) "Accomplished" means a teacher who, on the most recent summative evaluation, has received ratings of accomplished or higher on three of the five standards or accomplished on one standard of an abbreviated evaluation, which must include Standard 4.
- (3) "Accredited" or "Regionally Accredited" means an EPP has received accreditation from a national accrediting body (the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) or the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP)) or received accreditation from a regional accrediting body (Higher Learning Commission (HLC), Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC))
- (4) "Beginning Teacher Support Program" means a program that provides ongoing support for teachers entering the profession.
- (5) "Beginning teacher" means a teacher who is within his or her first three years of teaching.
- (6) "Career and Technical Education (CTE) Restricted License" means a three year license that requires educators to have related work experience for the CTE program area as well as a related degree from a regionally accredited college or university unless it is a high school diploma level license. CTE Restricted License holders are restricted to teaching only in the area of licensure and additional non-CTE license areas may not be added to the license.
- (7) "CPL" means a Continuing Professional License.
- (8) "Distinguished" means a teacher who, on the most recent summative evaluation, has received ratings of distinguished on three of the five standards or on one of distinguished on one for abbreviated evaluations, which must include Standard 4.
- (9) "ECGC" means Exceptional Children General Curriculum.
- (10) "ELED" means Elementary Education.
- (11) "EPP" means an Educator Preparation Program.
- (12) "In-State Applicant" means an applicant for licensure who received training and a recommendation from a North Carolina approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP).
- (13) "IPL" means an Initial Professional License.
- (14) "Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) License" means a license that is issued to a former military service person to teach the federally sponsored school program which is designed to instill in students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.
- (15) "NCDPI" or "DPI" means the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.
- (16) "NCEES" means the North Carolina Educator Evaluation System.
- (17) "NCSBE" or "SBE" means the North Carolina State Board of Education.
- (18) "Out-of-State Applicant" means an applicant for licensure who receives training and a recommendation from an approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) in another state or country regardless of residency.
- (19) "PEPSC" means the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission.
- (20) "Permit to Teach License" means a one-year nonrenewable license issued to individuals who do not qualify for any other type of license.
- (21) "Praxis" means the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment.
- (22) "Proficient" means a teacher has received ratings of proficient or higher on three of the five standards on the most recent summative evaluation, or on Standards 1 and 4 for teachers on an Abbreviated Evaluation.
- (23) "Provisional License" means an educator license that is valid for one year and can be extended for up to five years for a teaching and student services licensure area or three years for school counseling and assistant principals at the request of an LEA.
- (24) "Regional Assistance Licensing Center" or "RALC" is a State Board of Education authorized educational entity that serves as an extension of the Department of Public Instruction licensure

section to review transcripts and prescribe plans of study leading to licensure for lateral entry, CTE restricted, and provisional license holders.

- (25) "Student Services" means any non-instructional personnel providing specialized assistance to students, teachers, administrators, or the education program in general. Student services personnel include individuals employed in school counseling, school social work, school psychology, audiology, speech-language pathology, and media coordination.

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