

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Indiana State Board of Education

**FROM:** Scott Bogan, Educator Preparation Specialist

**DATE:** May 26, 2017

**SUBJECT:** New Program Proposal from American College of Education

American College of Education seeks final approval to offer a licensure program in Virtual Instruction. The 22-credit hour program is designed as a “licensure addition only” program for licensed teachers seeking to enhance their pedagogical skills in virtual instruction. The credits may be applied toward the M.Ed. in Educational Technology.

As a reminder, virtual instruction is not a stand-alone program for initial licensure. In other words, it may only be added to an existing, valid instructional license and is not mandatory. Virtual instruction is valid only for the grade setting on the existing, valid license (511 IAC 15-6-26).

Reviewers examined all components of the proposal and utilized the *New Program Proposal Assessment Rubric*. It is the conclusion of the review team and, pursuant to 511 IAC 13-1-1, Sec. 1, (d)\*, the recommendation of the IDOE that the Indiana State Board of Education approve the following:

**American College of Education – Virtual Instruction**

The IDOE will continue to monitor the progress of the above program by reviewing all annual reports required of American College of Education, including candidate performance data submitted to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the IDOE.

**\* (d) The department will review and make the recommendation to the board regarding the status of all newly proposed licensing programs and reviews of existing licensure programs applying for approved status.**