

## **R 340.1784**

### **New Proposed Rule**

- New rule establishing the criteria required for a cross-categorical teacher preparation program

This is a proposed new rule that does not change any existing rules effecting special education teacher preparation or teaching certificate endorsements. This proposed rule adds the criteria for a teacher preparation program that would be ADDED to our existing list of special education preparation programs.

This rule proposes establishment of the criteria. No cross-categorical teacher preparation program currently exists in Michigan. Nearly every other state in the United States allows for the preparation of cross-categorical teachers.

This proposed rule would provide the criteria and standards for a Michigan teacher preparation program to train cross-categorical teachers for work in resource programs. Currently, resource program special education teachers are trained and endorsed in a single special education category. The proposed rule meets the need in Michigan for teachers who are specifically trained to work in cross-categorical educational environments with groups of students with disabilities:

- Who are placed in resource programs
- Who are in general education classrooms
- Whose disabilities are in the mild to moderate range of severity

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