

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:20-9-110**

**Alternative Placement Teaching Certificates [AMENDED]**

**a. What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The purpose of this rule amendment is to update professional education instruction requirements for alternatively certified school counselors to exempt them from pedagogy and classroom management college coursework and instead requiring the completion of college coursework aligned with the competencies of comprehensive school counseling. This training will count towards the minimum required amounts professional education instruction while ensuring school counselors receive training better aligned with their duties.

**b. What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will directly affect school counselors with alternative teaching certificates, in addition to the students and public school districts (ie. traditional, charter, virtual charter) they serve.

**c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will benefit students and school communities by ensuring all school counselors, are properly trained and equipped to provide meaningful and effective mental health supports, regardless of a counselor's pathway to certification.

**d. What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon political subdivisions, but does anticipate some impact on school counselors with an alternative teaching certificate as they will be exempt from the pedagogy and classroom management college coursework but be required to obtain other college credit coursework that aligns with counseling competencies.

**e. What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any material or significant cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time.

**f. What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.

- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

No.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** February 1, 2022