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Sent time: Friday, December 02, 2011 10:43:03 AM
To: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) <Cari@excelined.org>; Smith, Kevin
Subject: RE: AltCert

Cari,

Good morning! Here's information from the following web link <http://www.teachinflorida.com/Preparation/EducatorPreparationInstitutes/tabid/187/Default.aspx>

Educator Preparation Institutes (EPIs) are specialized teacher training programs that may be offered at any accredited Florida community college, university or private college. Colleges may create an EPI to provide any or all of the following types of training:

- Professional development opportunities to assist teachers in improving classroom instruction and in meeting certification requirements
 - Instruction to assist potential and existing substitute teachers in performing their duties
 - Instruction to assist paraprofessionals in meeting education and training requirements
 - Instruction for baccalaureate degree holders to become certified teachers through competency-based alternative certification programs.
- Each of the Florida colleges below has an EPI approved for the types of training listed beside the institution. Four-year institutions also offer bachelor's and advanced degree programs in many areas of education that are not included in the institution's EPI. You may contact the institution(s) directly for more information.

EPIs provide an alternative certification route – this is not specific to the Reading Endorsement.

Please let us know if you have additional questions or if we can provide further information. Thanks for all of your work and have a great Friday!

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Have epi programs expanded to include full certification in other areas???
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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Nadia,
That's interesting. If she is referring to IHE's as institutes of higher ed, then that's incorrect. I'm 100% sure that our community colleges offer alt cert programs, and 99% sure that our state universities do, too. The programs are called Educator Prep Institutes (EPIs)

However, that isn't in law, because we didn't have to put it in law - we just amended our alt cert rule to include EPIs. They started as a fast track to the reading endorsement, but have sense expanded to include full certification in many other areas. Am I right on that, Cari?

From: Nadia Hagberg (Nadia@excelined.org)
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Hi Mary Laura,

Do you know why Sandi would have given the following response to Steve when he asked her for model lang / examples of states to emulate? Wanted to see if you had any insight before asking Sandi. Thanks! - Nadia

"I wish I could point you to a single state that is the model on alternative certification, but most states' language is really pretty weak. The state's that have the strongest models are probably not what you want to emulate: Arkansas, which has a state run program and Florida, which keeps IHE's out of the mix for the most part."