

November 4, 2005

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Re: In the Matter of the Appeal of Adrienne Capone
Docket No. 0506-171

Dear Mr. Waldman:

At its meeting of November 3, 2005, the State Board of Examiners considered the appeal that you filed on behalf of your client, Adrienne Capone. In her appeal, Ms. Capone requests that she be granted a Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, rather than the Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility that was recently issued to her. After careful review of your submission, the State Board of Examiners has denied the appeal. Ms. Capone did not complete a teacher preparation program that is acceptable for obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1 (b) establishes the criteria for a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing:

(b) Except as indicated in *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-11*, to be eligible for a CEAS in instructional fields, the candidate shall meet the requirements in (a) above and complete one of the following programs of teacher preparation:

1. A New Jersey college program, graduate or undergraduate, approved by the Department for the preparation of teachers pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-10*;
2. A college preparation program included in the interstate certification reciprocity system of NASDTEC;

3. An out-of-State teacher education program approved by NCATE, TEAC or any other national professional education accreditation body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation approved by the Commissioner;

4. A teacher education program approved for certification by the Department in one of the states party to the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, provided the program was completed on or after January 1, 1964 and the state in which the program is located would issue the candidate a comparable endorsement; or

5. An out-of-State college teacher education program approved by the state department of education in which the program is located.

(c) The teacher preparation programs listed in (b)1 through 5 above must culminate in a college supervised student teaching.

Ms. Capone attended Gratz College for her teacher preparation program. While Gratz graduates may be eligible for Pennsylvania teacher certification, the college does not operate a state-approved teacher preparation program. Pennsylvania has not approved its teacher education program, as required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1(b)5*. Nor does the program offered by Gratz meet any of the four other options set forth above. Finally, Ms. Capone has not provided any evidence that the Gratz program that she completed culminated in college supervised student teaching, as required by *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1(c)*.

Accordingly, as Ms. Capone has failed to show that she completed an appropriate teacher training program with college supervised student teaching, she is not eligible for a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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This matter may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A-3*.