

# Certification Central

ND's 1<sup>st</sup> Alternative Educator Preparation Program

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## Written Testimony in Support of HB 1111

Chairman Schaible and Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras and I am the co-founder of Certification Central, which is ND's 1<sup>st</sup> Alternative Educator Preparation Program. Certification Central is a state-approved postsecondary program that trains teachers for licensure. Our program is entirely competency-based in order for students to acquire skills to a level of proficiency to make them career ready. We are in support of HB 1111 as a formal process for investigating the impact of competency-based learning initiatives. While this particular study is focused on schools and districts, a follow-up study on the effects of competency-based, postsecondary initiatives might provide a holistic analysis on the effects this evidence-based practice is having in North Dakota.