

## Title II IPRC Training Series: Section III: Pass Rates [Transcript]

Hello. This training video is part of the Title II IPRC Training Series to support teacher preparation providers during the 2021 IPRC data collection. In this video, we review Section III: Pass Rates.

This section is unique in that it is not pre-loaded in advance, and it also does not allow data entry. Instead, for teacher preparation providers in nearly all states, the pass rate data are loaded into your IPRC by mid-April, and that marks the final step in a long process.

Teacher preparation providers in almost all states work directly with a testing company, most often this is ETS or the Evaluations Systems group of Pearson. ETS and Pearson have slightly different processes and schedules, but generally, you work with your testing company over the fall and winter to submit your lists of enrolled students and programs completers for the relevant academic years, and go through a series of matching and data validation steps.

After you have completed the final data verification steps with your testing company, our Title II Support Center team then works directly with the testing company. We get the final files and we upload those final data files for you into the IPRC.

By the time the data are uploaded into the IPRC, they are considered final as you have already gone through the final data verification steps with your testing company.

Now let's walk through a few **common questions** about Section III: Pass Rates.

### **Why are there blank cells in the pass rate table?**

If there were fewer than 10 test takers for a given assessment, the number of passers and the pass rate are automatically suppressed for confidentiality, so in those cases, it is correct for the cells to be blank. No further action is necessary.

### **What if my program did not have any test takers, so no pass rate data were loaded?**

Once we have loaded the pass rates for your state, you will see an option to check a box confirming that it is correct that your program does not have pass rates to report, and a text box where you can provide an explanation. The explanation should provide the reason why your program doesn't have pass rates. For example: There were no test takers during the academic years being reported.

### **What should I do if I identify an error in my pass rate data?**

By the time the data are uploaded into the IPRC, they are considered final as you have already gone through the final data verification steps with your testing company. If you identify an error, this is something you will need to reconcile with your testing company, as changes to your program's pass rates have implications for the state average pass rates that the testing company calculates. We at the Title II Support Center are not able to change the pass rate data for you. Please note that your testing company has its own deadlines for requests to correct or verify the data, so that is something you will need to negotiate with your testing company.

### **What if my state does not work directly with a testing company to calculate pass rates?**

There are a number of states that work slightly differently from what I have described above. Pass rates are required for all assessments that are required for an initial teaching credential in the state. There are a small handful of states and jurisdictions that do not require assessments for an initial teaching credential, in which case, no pass rates are required. If this applies to you, all you will need to do is save each of your Section III: Pass Rates pages as complete to acknowledge it is correct that there are no pass rate data to report.

There are also a small handful of states who calculate their own pass rates. In those cases, we at the Title II Support Center work directly with the state coordinator in your state to obtain the pass rate files, just like we do with the testing companies, and we upload those into the IPRC; so, the process is similar for you, the teacher preparation provider.

Now let's review the steps to complete Section III: Pass Rates in your IPRC.

As of April 15, 2021, all pass rate data that we have received from states and testing companies have been loaded into the IPRC. You can now log in to the IPRC, navigate

to your Section III: Pass Rates pages, review the data for accuracy, and save the page as complete.

If you have already completed all other pages of your report and resolved all other items on your Certification Checklist, you are now able to certify your report. For a quick training on the steps to certify the IPRC, please watch the Certifying the IPRC training video in this series.

If you have further questions, reach out to the Title II Support Center for support at [title2@westat.com](mailto:title2@westat.com).

That wraps up our Section III: Pass Rates training video. We'll see you again soon in the next training.