

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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DECISION

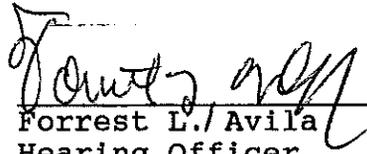
Held: Graduate credits
towards life teaching
certificate must be
denied.

DATE: JANUARY 16, 1997

The teacher in this case needs additional graduate credits in physics to qualify for a life teaching certificate. She has taken a course in Fiber Optics at a technical school. The problem is that the technical school is not authorized to grant graduate level credits. Under these circumstances we see no way in which we can allow the use of the technical school program to be used as graduate credit.

Conclusion

We must deny the petitioner request for graduate credits towards a life teaching certificate.



Forrest L. Avila
Hearing Officer

Approved:



Peter McWalters
Commissioner

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