**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 55 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now 1 of 507 total providers meeting rigorous CAEP Accreditation Standards to better prepare the teachers of tomorrow*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced today that **[Local Program]** is one of 55 providers from 28states and the United Arab Emirates to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Fall 2022 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 55 educator preparation providers receiving accreditation, bringing the total to 507 providers approved under the CAEP [Accreditation Standards](http://www.caepnet.org/standards/2022-itp/introduction) – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. More than 600 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review of the CAEP standards, which are based on two principles:

1. Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and
2. Solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

If a program fails to meet one of the standards, it is placed on probation for two years. Probation may be lifted in two years if a program provides evidence that it meets the standard.

**[Insert local facts, data, description of the program or other accomplishments]**

**[Insert local quote]** “Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said **[Local Program Administrator].** “Our students and their

families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation.”

**[Local Program]** joins 54 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 507 CAEP-accredited providers from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

**Class of Fall 2022:**

Al Ain University—United Arab Emirates

Albertus Magnus College—Connecticut

Alcorn State University—Mississippi

Central Connecticut University

Christian Brothers University—Tennessee

East Carolina University—North Carolina

East Stroudsburg University—Pennsylvania

Elon University—North Carolina

Fayetteville State University—North Carolina

Ferrum College—Virginia

Florida Atlantic University

Frostburg State University—Maryland

George Washington University—District of Columbia

Georgia Southern University

Grace College—Indiana

Hollins University—Virginia

Keene State College—New Hampshire

Liberty University—Virginia

Lindenwood University—Missouri

Lourdes University—Ohio

Martin University—Indiana

Minnesota State University—Moorhead

Mississippi State University

Missouri Western University

Mount Vernon Nazarene University—Ohio

North Carolina A & T State University

North Carolina Central University

North Carolina State University

Northwest Nazarene University—Idaho

Notre Dame of Maryland University

Ohio Christian University

Oklahoma State University

Presbyterian College—South Carolina

Rowan University—New Jersey

Rutgers University-Newark—New Jersey

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Southeastern Louisiana University

Southwestern College—Kansas

SUNY Buffalo State—New York

Sweet Briar College—Virginia

The University of Memphis—Tennessee

The University of Michigan-Flint

The University of Mississippi

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

University of Connecticut

University of Montana-Missoula

University of Montevallo—Alabama

University of North Carolina Wilmington

University of Richmond—Virginia

University of South Carolina Beaufort

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Williams Baptist University—Arkansas

Winston-Salem State University—North Carolina

Wittenberg University—Ohio

*The* ***Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation*** *(*[*www.CAEPnet.org*](http://www.caepnet.org/)*) advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.*