Program Report for the Preparation of Initial Practice-Based Standards for Early Interventionists/Early Childhood Special Educators

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 2020 Standards - Option 1

The 2020 Practice-Based Professional Preparation Standards for Early Interventionists/Early Childhood Special Educators (EI/ECSE) represent the first standards to focus specifically on the preparation of professionals who work with young children ages birth through 8 who have or are at-risk for developmental delays and disabilities and their families, across home, classroom and community settings. These standards were approved in Spring 2021. Beginning in Spring 2023, programs submitting reports must use the 2020 standards.

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	0	First Teaching License
	0	Other School Personnel
	0	Non-licensure/non-certification degree
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	0	Baccalaureate
	0	Post Baccalaureate
	0	Master's
	0	Post Master's
	0	Specialist or C.A.S.
	0	Doctorate
	0	Endorsement only
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	0	No
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14.	Proc	gram report status:
	0	Initial Review
	0	Response to One of the Following Decisions: Further Development Required or
		Recognition with Probation
	0	Response to National Recognition With Conditions
15.		our Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) seeking
	0	CAEP accreditation for the first time (initial accreditation)
	0	Continuing CAEP accreditation
16.		e Licensure data requirement on program completers disaggregated by specialty area with sub-area scores: P requires programs to provide completer performance data on state licensure examinations for completers
	who	take the examination for the content field, if the state has a licensure testing requirement. Test information data must be reported in Section IV. Does your state require such a test?
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Description of any state or institutional policies that may influence the application of CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards. (Response limited to 4,000 characters)

Description of the field and clinical experiences required for the program, including the number of hours for early field experiences and the number of hours/weeks for student teaching or internships. (Response limited to 8,000 characters)

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⁽⁴⁾ For example, faculty, clinical supervisor, department chair, administrator

⁽⁵⁾ For example, professor, associate professor, assistant professor, adjunct professor, instructor

⁽⁶⁾ Scholarship is defined by CAEP as a systematic inquiry into the areas related to teaching, learning, and the education of teachers and other school personnel.

review and evaluation.

- (7) Service includes faculty contributions to college or university activities, schools, communities, and professional associations in ways that are consistent with the institution and unit's mission.
- (8) For example, officer of a state or national association, article published in a specific journal, and an evaluation of a local school program.
- (9) Briefly describe the nature of recent experience in P-12 schools (e.g. clinical supervision, in-service training, teaching in a PDS) indicating the discipline and grade level of the assignment(s). List current P-12 licensure or certification(s) held, if any.

SECTION II - LIST OF ASSESSMENTS

In this section, list the 6-8 assessments that are being submitted as evidence for meeting the CEC standards. All programs must provide a minimum of six assessments. If your state does not require a state licensure test in the content area, you must substitute an assessment that documents candidate attainment of content knowledge in #1 below. For each assessment, indicate the type or form of the assessment and when it is administered in the program.

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Type and Number of Assessment	Name of Assessment (12)	Type or Form of Assessment (13)	When the Assessment Is Administered (14)
Assessment #1: Licensure assessment, or other content-based assessment (required)			
Assessment #2: Assessment of content knowledge in special education (required)			
Assessment #3: Assessment of candidate ability to plan instruction (required)			
Assessment #4: Assessment of student teaching (required)			
Assessment #5: Assessment of candidate effect on student learning (required)			
Assessment #6: Additional assessment that addresses CEC standards (required)			
Assessment #7: Additional assessment that addresses CEC standards (optional)			
Assessment #8: Additional assessment that addresses CEC standards (optional)			

- (12) Identify assessment by title used in the program; refer to Section IV for further information on appropriate assessment to include.
- (13) Identify the type of assessment (e.g., essay, case study, project, comprehensive exam, reflection, state licensure test, portfolio).
- (14) Indicate the point in the program when the assessment is administered (e.g., admission to the program, admission to student teaching/internship, required courses [specify course title and numbers], or completion of the program).

SECTION III - RELATIONSHIP OF ASSESSMENT TO STANDARDS

For each CEC standard on the chart below, identify the assessment(s) in Section II that address the standard. One assessment may apply to multiple CEC standards.

1. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE STANDARD

2.

Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education candidates progress through a series of planned and developmentally sequenced field experiences for the early childhood age ranges (birth to age 3, 3 through 5 years, 5 through 8 years), range of abilities, and in the variety of collaborative and inclusive early childhood settings that are appropriate to their license and roles. Clinical experiences should take place in the same age ranges covered by the license. If the license covers all three age ranges, the program must provide clinical experiences in at least two of the three age ranges and a field experience in the third age range. These field and clinical experiences are supervised by qualified professionals.

[Information should be provided in Section I (Context) to address this standard]

STANDARD 1: CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

Candidates understand the impact of different theories and philosophies of early learning and development on assessment, curriculum, instruction, and intervention decisions. Candidates apply knowledge of normative developmental sequences and variations, individual differences within and across the range of abilities, including developmental delays and disabilities, and other direct and indirect contextual features that support or constrain children's development and learning. These contextual factors as well as social, cultural, and linguistic diversity are considered when facilitating meaningful learning experiences and individualizing intervention and instruction across contexts.

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and learning across contexts. Component 1.3: Candidates apply knowledge of biological and environmental factors that may							
support or constrain children's early development and learning as they plan and implement early intervention and instruction.							
Component 1.4: Candidates demonstrate an understanding of characteristics, etiologies, and individual differences within and across the range of abilities, including developmental delays and							
disabilities, their potential impact on children's early development and learning, and implications for							
assessment, curriculum, instruction, and intervention. STANDARD 2: PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES							
Candidates use their knowledge of family-centered practices and family systems theory to reciprocal partnerships with families. They apply family capacity-building practices as the							
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theory, and the changing needs and priorities in families' lives to develop trusting, respectful,							
affirming, and culturally responsive partnerships with all families that allow for the mutual exchange of knowledge and information.							
Component 2.2: Candidates communicate clear, comprehensive, and objective information about resources and supports that help families to make informed decisions and advocate for access,							
participation, and equity in natural and inclusive environments.							
Component 2.3: Candidates engage families in identifying their strengths, priorities, and concerns; support families to achieve the goals they have for their family and their young child's development							
and learning; and promote families' competence and confidence during assessment, individualized							
planning, intervention, instruction, and transition processes. STANDARD 3: COLLABORATION AND TEAMING							
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Component 6.6: Candidates use responsive interactions, interventions, and instruction with sufficient intensity and types of support across activities, routines, and environments to promote child learning and development and facilitate access, participation, and engagement in natural environments and inclusive settings. Component 6.7: Candidates plan for, adapt, and improve approaches to interactions, interventions, and instruction based on multiple sources of data across a range of natural environments and inclusive settings.								
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Component 7.4: Candidates practice within ethical and legal policies and procedures.

SECTION IV - EVIDENCE FOR MEETING STANDARDS

DIRECTIONS: For each program assessment listed in Section II, use one file to provide a description of the assessment of not more than two pages along with the program assessment, scoring rubric, and data tables.

Taken as a whole, the program assessments must demonstrate candidate mastery of the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards. The program assessments used must be required of all candidates. Assessments, scoring guides/rubrics, and data should be aligned with the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards. This means that the concepts in the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards should be apparent in the program assessments and in the scoring guides/rubrics to the same depth, breadth, and specificity as in the CEC Preparation Standards. Data should also be aligned with the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards. The data should be presented at the same level it is collected. For example, if a rubric is used to collects data on several elements each relating to specific CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standard, then the data should report the data on each of the elements rather than reporting a single cumulative score.

In the description of each program assessment below, CEC has identified potential program assessments that would be appropriate. Program assessments have been organized into the following three areas to be aligned with the elements in CAEP Standard 1:

- . Content knowledge (Program assessments 1 and 2)
- . Pedagogical and professional knowledge, skills and dispositions (Program assessments 3 and 4)
- . Focus on student learning (Program assessment 5)

While faculty may align state credentialing assessment (Program Assessment 1) to numerous CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards, it may not be cited as the sole assessment for any CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards.

Note that in special education, the primary content knowledge for the professional discipline includes and is inextricable from professional knowledge. Therefore, program assessments that combine content and professional knowledge will be considered "content knowledge" assessments for the purpose of this report.

For each program assessment, the report developer should prepare one document that includes the following items:

- (1) Two-page narrative including:
- . A brief description of the program assessment and its use in the program;
- . A description of how this program assessment specifically aligns with the standards for which it is cited in Section III. Cite CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards by number, title, and/or standard wording.
- . A brief analysis of the data findings;
- . An interpretation of how that data provides evidence for meeting standards, indicating the specific CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards by number, title, and/or standard wording;
- (2) Program assessment documentation including:
- . The program assessment tool itself or a rich description of the program assessment (often the directions given to candidates);
- . The scoring guide or rubric for the program assessment; and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$
- . Candidate performance data derived from the program assessment in tables that display the scores in alignment with the CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards.
- . The responses for e, f, and g (above) routinely should be limited to the equivalent of five text pages each. Exceptionally, some program assessment instruments or scoring guides/rubrics may go beyond five pages.

1. CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

Data from required state licensure tests or professional examinations of content knowledge CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards addressed in this program assessment could include Standards 1 through 7. If the state does not require a credentialing test(s) or professional examinations in the content area, another program assessment must be presented to document candidate attainment of content knowledge.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

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2. CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

CEC Preparation Standards addressed in this program assessment could include Standards 1 through 7. Examples of assessments include comprehensive examinations; written interpersonal/presentational tasks; capstone projects or research reports addressing cross-disciplinary content; philosophy of teaching statement that addresses the role of culture, literature, and cross-disciplinary content; and other portfolio tasks⁽¹⁸⁾.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

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(18) A portfolio is a collection of candidate work. The information to be reported here requires an assessment of candidates' content knowledge as revealed in the work product contained in a portfolio. If the portfolio contains pieces that are interdependent and the portfolio is evaluated by faculty as one assessment using a scoring guide, then the portfolio could be counted

as one assessment. Often the assessment addresses an independent product within the portfolio rather than the complete portfolio.

3. PLANTING: PEDAGOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLES AND DISPOSITIONS

Assessment that demonstrates candidates can effectively plan instruction as individualized for a single individual. CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards that typically could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Examples of program assessments include the evaluation of candidates' abilities to develop individualized lesson or unit plans, individualized educational plans, needs assessments, or intervention plans.

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4. TEACHING: PEDAGOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND DISPOSITIONS

Assessment that demonstrates candidates' knowledge, skills, and dispositions are applied effectively in practice. CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards that typically could be addressed in this program assessment include but are not limited to Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. The program assessment instrument used in student teaching or the internship should be submitted.

Provide program assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

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5. EFFECTS ON STUDENT LEARNING

CEC Early Interventionist/Early Childhood Special Education Standards that typically could be addressed in this program assessment include but are not limited to Standards 4-7 Examples of program assessments include those based on student work samples, portfolio tasks, case studies, follow-up studies, and employer surveys.

Provide program assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

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6. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Examples of program assessments include evaluations of field experiences, case studies, portfolio tasks, and licensure tests not reported in 1.

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SECTION V - USE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM

1. Evidence must be presented in this section that assessment results have been analyzed and have been or will be used to improve candidate performance and strengthen the program. This description should not link improvements to individual assessments but, rather, it should summarize principal findings from the evidence, the faculty's interpretation of those findings, and changes made in (or planned for) the program as a result. Describe the steps program faculty has taken to use information from assessments for improvement of both candidate performance and the program. This information should be organized around (1) content knowledge, (2) professional and pedagogical knowledge, skill, and dispositions, and (3) student learning.

(Response limited to 12,000 characters)

SECTION VI - FOR REVISED REPORTS OR RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS REPORTS ONLY

For Revised Reports: Describe what changes or additions have been made to address the standards that were not
met in the original submission. Provide new responses to questions and/or new documents to verify the changes
described in this section. Specific instructions for preparing a Revised Report are available on the CAEP website
at http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/spa-program-review-process

For Response to Conditions Reports: Describe what changes or additions have been made to address the conditions cited in the original recognition report. Provide new responses to questions and/or new documents to verify the changes described in this section. Specific instructions for preparing a Response to Conditions Report are available on the CAEP website at http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/spa-program-review-process

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