[Insert Name of Local Program] among 35 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence

[Local Program] now 1 of 471 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 35 providers from 22 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Spring 2022 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 35 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 471 providers approved under the CAEP Accreditation Standards – 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.”

The CAEP Board of Directors updated the educator preparation standards in 2020 as part of its commitment to reviewing the standards at least every seven years. The changes to the CAEP standards reflect the Board’s commitment to equity and diversity and also place an emphasis on the importance of technology in preparing future educators.

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 was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately, 650 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 34 other providers to receive accreditation this spring, bringing the total number to 471 CAEP-accredited providers from 45 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**Class of Spring 2022:**
- Alabama State University
- Athens State University—Alabama
- Auburn University—Alabama
- Averett University—Virginia
- Brigham Young University—Utah
- Case Western Reserve University—Ohio
- Delta State University—Mississippi
- East Tennessee State University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Georgia College and State University
- Greenville University—Illinois
- Mary Baldwin University—Virginia
- McPherson College—Kansas
- Michigan State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Milligan University—Tennessee
- Ohio University
- Oral Roberts University—Oklahoma
- Pfeiffer University—North Carolina
- Salem University—West Virginia
- State University of New York at Potsdam—New York
- Taylor University—Indiana
- The Catholic University of America—District of Columbia
- Th University of Alabama at Birmingham
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- The University of West Alabama
- Universidad Ana G. Medez-Recinto de Carolina—Puerto Rico
- University of Puerto Rico at Bayamon
University of Pikeville—Kentucky
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
Webster University—Missouri
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University—North Carolina
Xavier University—Ohio

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (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.