



**Council for the
Accreditation of
Educator Preparation**

ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

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Ashland, Ohio

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Accreditation Application Date: 10/12/2007

This is the official record of the Educator Preparation Provider's accreditation status.

The Educator Preparation Provider should retain this document for at least two accreditation cycles.

ACCREDITATION DECISION

Accreditation is granted at the initial-licensure level. This Accreditation status is effective between Spring 2020 and Spring 2024. The next site visit will take place in Fall 2023.

SUMMARY OF STANDARDS

CAEP STANDARDS	INITIAL-LICENSURE LEVEL	ADVANCED LEVEL
STANDARD 1/A.1: Content and Pedagogical Knowledge	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
STANDARD 2/A.2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
STANDARD 3/A.3: Candidate Quality, Recruitment, And Selectivity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
STANDARD 4/A.4: Program Impact	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
STANDARD 5/A.5: Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement	Met	Not Applicable

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STIPULATIONS

Areas for Improvement: Identified areas for improvement are addressed in the provider's annual report.

Stipulations: Stipulations are addressed in the provider's annual report and must be corrected within two years to retain accreditation.

INITIAL-LICENSURE LEVEL AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND STIPULATIONS

STANDARD 1: Content and Pedagogical Knowledge

	Areas for Improvement	Rationale
1	EPP Lesson Plan template lacks a rubric and hence no data to support the tracking of candidates' performance. (Component 1.1)	EPP Lesson Plan rubric lacks performance levels and content validity.

STANDARD 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice

	Areas for Improvement	Rationale
1	Co-construction of arrangements between the EPP and P-12 schools is limited, or absent. (Component 2.1)	Expectations, set by the EPP and directed to the P12 schools, omit co-construction of entry, progression, and exit and the opportunity to ensure that theory and practice is linked.

STANDARD 3: Candidate Quality, Recruitment, And Selectivity

	Areas for Improvement	Rationale
1	The EPP's endorsement process for licensure of candidates to the Ohio Department of Higher Education is under audit. (Component 3.5)	EPP is under audit exception by the Ohio Department of Higher Education due to discrepancies between published and approved standards and those documented on candidates' transcripts.

STANDARD 5: Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

	Areas for Improvement	Rationale
1	The EPP provided limited evidence that the quality assurance system produces verifiable evidence. (Component 5.2)	The EPP has established validity but not reliability for EPP created assessments.
2	The EPP provided limited evidence of a plan for collecting measures of completer impact. (Component 5.4)	The EPP provided and shared some of the 8 measures but outcomes 4, 5, and 7 were incomplete.

INFORMATION ABOUT ACCREDITATION STATUSES

Accreditation for seven (7) years is granted if the EPP meets all CAEP Standards and components, even if areas for improvement (AFIs) are identified in the final report of the Accreditation Council.

- **Areas for Improvement (AFIs)** indicate areas which must be improved by the time of the next accreditation visit. Progress reports on remediation of AFIs are submitted as part of the Annual Report. AFIs not remediated by a subsequent site visit may become stipulations.

Accreditation with stipulations is granted for 2 years if an EPP meets all standards but receives a stipulation on a component under any standard. Failure to submit a response to the stipulation within a two (2)-year time frame results in revocation. Failure to correct the condition leading to the stipulation within the specified two (2)-year period results in revocation or probation.

- **Stipulations** describe serious deficiencies in meeting CAEP Standards and/or components and must be brought into compliance in order to continue accreditation. All stipulations and relevant evidence are reviewed by the Accreditation Council. Failure to correct the condition leading to the stipulation results in probation or revocation of accreditation.

Probationary Accreditation is granted for two (2) years when an EPP does not meet one (1) of the CAEP

Standards. Failure to submit a response to the stipulation within a two (2)-year time frame results in revocation. Failure to correct the condition leading to the stipulation within the specified two (2)-year period results in revocation.

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

The scope of CAEP's work is the accreditation of educator preparation providers (EPPs) that offer bachelor's, master's, and/or doctoral degrees, post-baccalaureate or other programs leading to certification, licensure, or endorsement in the United States and/or internationally. (2018).

CAEP does not accredit specific degree programs, rather EPPs must include information, data, and other evidence on the following in their submission for CAEP's review:

All licensure areas that prepare candidates to work in preschool through grade 12 settings at the initial-licensure and advanced level that lead to professional licensure, certification, or endorsement as defined by the state, country, or other governing authority under which the EPP operates and for which the state, country, or other governing authority has established program approval standards.

Depending on an EPP's submission, accreditation may be awarded at one or both of the following levels: Initial-Licensure Level and/or Advanced-Level.

1. **Initial-Licensure Level Accreditation** is provided at the baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate levels leading to initial-licensure, certification, or endorsement that are designed to develop P-12 teachers.
2. **Advanced-Level Accreditation** is provided at the post-baccalaureate or graduate levels leading to licensure, certification, or endorsement. Advanced-Level Programs are designed to develop P-12 teachers who have already completed an initial-licensure program, currently licensed administrators, or other certified (or similar state language) school professionals for employment in P-12 schools/districts. CAEP's Advanced-Level accreditation does not include any advanced-level program not specific to the preparation of teachers or other school professionals for P-12 schools/districts; any advanced-level non-licensure programs, including those specific to content areas (e.g., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.); or Educational leadership programs not specific to the preparation of teachers or other school professionals for P-12 schools/districts.

Information on accreditation status, terms, and any conditions provided within this directory is specific to the accreditation level(s) described above. CAEP-accredited EPPs are required to distinguish accurately between programs that are accredited and those that are not.

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