



Council for the  
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# CAEP and States: A Collaboration on Accreditation and Approval

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# Goals of State Agreements

- Promote excellence and continuous improvement in educator preparation;
- Provide review against national standards in conjunction with meeting state needs for quality assurance;
- Save time and expense by eliminating duplication of effort;
- Share evidence on candidate and program performance.

# CAEP–State Partnership Elements

## Partners

- CAEP
- State Authority/Authorities for Teacher Education

## Accreditation Team Structure

- Teams may be CAEP-only, Joint, or Concurrent

## Program Review Options (3 choices)

- CAEP Program Review with National Recognition (SPA)
- CAEP Program Review with Feedback
- State Review

# Three Pathways to National Accreditation

- EPPs choose one of CAEP's three pathways through which to seek national accreditation:
  - *Selected Improvement (SI)*
  - *Inquiry Brief (IB)*
  - *Transformation Initiative (TI)*
- Each pathway requires a self-study report based on evidence that meets CAEP standards.
- Regardless of pathway selected, all EPPs complete a state-approved review of each program.

# Program Review Options

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- State Program Review

# Program Review with National Recognition (SPA)

- **Format:** Program report forms completed for each program area and level (i.e. Undergraduate Secondary Biology, Reading Specialist Masters, etc.) describing evidence of candidates' performance on a set of key assessments that demonstrates meeting standards
- **Standards:** Specialty Professional Association (SPA) standards
- **Timing of Submission:** Mid-cycle of the overall accreditation cycle (3 years in advance of the accreditation visit for most states)
- **Reviewers:** SPA review teams
- **Results:** Recognition Report with a decision of "Nationally Recognized," "Recognized with Conditions," or "Further Development Required/Recognized with Probation/Not Nationally Recognized"

This is the only option that can lead to **national recognition** by the SPAs.

# Specialty Professional Associations (SPAs)

**ACEI—Association for Childhood Education International**

**ACTFL—American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages**

**ALA—American Library Association**

**AMLE—Association of Middle Level Education**

**CEC—Council for Exceptional Children**

**ELCC—Educational Leadership Constituent Council**

**IRA—International Reading Association**

**ISTE—International Society for Technology in Education**

**NAEYC—National Association for the Education of Young Children**



**NAGC—National Association for Gifted Children**

**NASP—National Association of School Psychologists**

**NCSS—National Council for the Social Studies**

**NCTE—National Council of Teachers of English**

**NCTM—National Council of Teachers of Mathematics**

**NSTA—National Science Teachers Association**

**SHAPE AMERICA—Health & Physical Education**

**TESOL—Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages**

# Program Review with Feedback

- **Format:** Submitted as an addendum to the accreditation self-study
- **Standards:** State-selected standards EPP's disaggregated data aligned and tagged to both the CAEP and state standards
- **Timing of Submission:** At the same time as the self-study (about 8 months in advance of the visit)
- **Reviewers:** Site Visitors and/or state reviewers
- **Results:** Feedback useful for program improvement and determination of state program approval



# State Review Option

- **Format:** State-defined process
- **Standards:** State-selected standards
- **Reviewers:** State review team
- **Results:** State decision regarding program approval

# Signed CAEP/State Partnership Agreements

- **17 Partnership Agreements Signed**

Alabama

Michigan

Oregon

Arkansas

Montana

South Dakota

Delaware

Nebraska

West Virginia

Hawaii

New Hampshire

Washington

Kansas

Ohio

Wyoming

Louisiana

Oklahoma

State  
Selected  
program  
review  
options

State	State Review	Feedback Option	SPA Review
Alabama	X	X	X
Arkansas	X	X	X
Delaware			X
Hawaii		X	X
Kansas	X		
Louisiana		X	X
Michigan	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X
Nebraska	X	X	X
New Hampshire	X	X	X
Ohio	X	X	X
Oklahoma			X
Oregon	X	X	X
South Dakota	X	X	X
Washington	X		
West Virginia		X	X
Wyoming	X	X	X



# Additional Information

- CAEP will collaborate with the state authority to plan, design and implement a range of training opportunities for reviewers.
- State access to Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS)
- Yearly State Clinic-Invitation emailed for 2015 meeting

# Managing Dynamic State Partnerships

- Agreements may be amended as needed
- Data sharing agreements anticipated

# CAEP–State Partnerships

Questions?

Thank You!

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