**CAEP Receives Continuing CHEA Recognition**

*Council for Higher Education Accreditation Grants Seven-Year Term*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has been granted ongoing recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CAEP serves post-secondary education by advancing equity and excellence in educator preparation. CHEA is a national organization which focuses exclusively on higher education accreditation and recognizes accreditors.

CAEP was created through a merger of two previous accrediting organizations to create a single set of standards for educator preparation and to unify the field. CAEP has been recognized by CHEA since 2014 following the merger. CAEP accreditation serves the dual purposes of accountability and continuous improvement.

 “CHEA recognition demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and quality assurance. The CAEP standards place an emphasis on demonstrating quality through evidence that their graduates are competent and caring educators,” said Yuhang Rong, Chair of the CAEP Board of Directors. “CAEP accredited educator preparation providers hold themselves to a set of research-based high standards, CAEP similarly holds itself accountable through the CHEA recognition process.”

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 providers focused on educator preparation.

The term of CHEA recognition for CAEP is seven years, with an interim report due at the mid-point of term. CAEP must submit an interim report in 2027.

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