[Insert Name of Local Program] among 60 Educator Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence

[Local Program] now 1 of 423 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 60 providers from 26 states to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Spring 2021 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 60 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 423 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, 700 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 (BLANK Number) other providers to receive accreditation this spring, bringing the total number to 423 CAEP-accredited providers from 45 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**Class of Spring 2021:**

Auburn University Montgomery  
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Bowie State University  
Bridgewater College  
Claffin University  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Clark Atlanta University  
Cornerstone University  
Drury University  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Francis Marion University  
Georgetown College  
Glennville State College  
Hamline University  
Huntington University  
Indiana University Northwest  
Indiana University Southeast  
Jacksonville State University  
Kentucky State University  
Lander University  
Linfield University  
Marian University  
Marymount University  
Mercy College  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Mississippi College  
Mississippi University for Women  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Monroe College  
Newman University  
NUC University  
Ottawa University  
Purdue University Northwest  
Queens College  
Rampau College of New Jersey  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rockhurst University  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
The College of Charleston  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
The University of Tennessee Union College  
Universidad De Puerto Rico Ponce  
University of Central Arkansas  
University of Findlay  
University of Idaho  
University of Maine  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
University of North Alabama  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of Portland  
University of South Florida  
Ursuline College  
Valparaiso University  
Virginia Union University  
Walsh University  
William Paterson University  
Zayed University

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation ([www.CAEPnet.org](http://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.