Educator Preparation Standards Revised

Public Comment Period Open Through March

Educators now have an opportunity to comment on standards for teacher training proposed by the newly formed Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

The CAEP’s Commission on Standards and Performance Reporting has released a draft of the proposed standards. Comments on will be accepted through March 29.

“These new standards are about improving results, particularly for P-12 learners. The nation has raised the bar for our students and for our teachers. Today’s teachers must challenge and engage all learners. Now we must raise the bar for preparation programs to help the nation meet these ambitious goals,” said CAEP President James G. Cibulka.

NSEA Director of Instructional Advocacy Jay Sears said the new standards will help better prepare teachers.

“The new standards are rigorous and should help prepare future educators for P-12 instruction to meet the 21st century world of work and college,” said Sears.

The Commission was charged with developing – for all preparation providers – the next generation of accreditation standards based on evidence, continuous improvement, innovation, and clinical practice. The Commission was also charged with recommending transparent CAEP public accountability reporting with multiple measures, including those directly linked to achievement.

Cibulka told Education Week that the standards favor educational outcomes, evidence to support effective practices. “That means being able to link measures on outcomes and impact back to the characteristics of the programs themselves and the nature of the candidates who were admitted to the programs,” he said.

Representatives of diverse and divergent views were invited to serve on the Commission to help shape the standards. The Commission reflects a partnership between educator preparation providers, policy makers and P-12 educators, signaling new demands for collaboration that CAEP expects.

CAEP was formed when the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) merged. It will be the sole U.S. accreditor for educator preparation.

To Comment
To review and comment on the proposed new standards for educator preparation, go to: caepnet.org/commission/standards/