**34 Schools from 24 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Prep**

*551 programs from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates now meeting CAEP’s rigorous, national accreditation standards to better prepare tomorrow’s teachers*

WASHINGTON – Today, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation announced that 34 providers from 24 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico earned accreditation for their educator preparation programs (EPPs). These providers join those previously accredited in promoting excellence in educator preparation, bringing the total of CAEP accredited EPPs to 551

The CAEP Accreditation Council held its Fall 2023 review in October, during which 34 providers were approved under the rigorous, nationally recognized CAEP Teacher Preparation Standards.

“These providers 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.”

CAEP is a nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. 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. Approximately 600 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 on five 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 five 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. The addition of EPPs receiving CAEP accreditation for the first time to those previously accredited brings the total number of CAEP-accredited providers to 551. These schools span across 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

**Class of Fall 2023:**

Albion College—Michigan

American University—District of Columbia

Azusa Pacific University—California

Belhaven University—Mississippi

Bluefield University—Virginia

Boise State University—Idaho

Charleston Southern University—South Carolina

Coppin State University—Maryland

Dakota State University—South Dakota

Hunter College of the City University of New York

Kansas State University

Miami University—Ohio

Otterbein University—Ohio

Ouachita Baptist University—Arkansas

Queens University of Charlotte—North Carolina

Randolph-Macon College—Virginia

Regent University—Virginia

Rutgers University-Camden—New Jersey

Saginaw Valley State University—Michigan

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Southern New Hampshire University

State University of New York Brockport

The University of Alabama

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The University of Toledo—Ohio

Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Cupey Campus—Puerto Rico

University of Central Missouri

University of Central Oklahoma

University of Evansville—Indiana

University of New Orleans—Louisiana

University of Sioux Falls—South Dakota

University of Utah

William Carey University—Mississippi

*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.*