**41 Schools from 23 States, Puerto Rico and Bahrain Recognized**

**for National Excellence in Educator Prep**

*541 programs in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan and UAE 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 41 providers from 23 states, Puerto Rico and Bahrain earned accreditation for their educator preparation programs (EPPs). These providers join the growing number of providers accredited in promoting excellence in educator preparation, bringing the total of CAEP-accredited EPPs to 541.

The CAEP Accreditation Council held its Spring 2023 review in April, during which 41 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 and accredits providers at the initial and advanced levels. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all providers focused on educator preparation. More than 600 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP accreditation system.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review on 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. The addition of EPPs receiving CAEP accreditation for the first time to those previously accredited brings the total number of CAEP-accredited providers to 541. These schools span 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan and UAE.

Spring Class of 2023

**Initial-Level Accreditation**

Alaska Pacific University

Connecticut Alternate Route to Certification

Georgia Gwinnett College

Huntingdon College—Alabama

Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Aguadilla

Kent State University—Ohio

Mitchell College—Connecticut

Oakwood University--Alabama

Oregon State University

Peru State College—Nebraska

Rochester University—Michigan

Southern University at New Orleans—Louisiana

Spelman College—Georgia

The University of Montana Western

Valley City University—North Dakota

Virginia Wesleyan University

Western Oregon University

Wright State University—Ohio

**Initial- and Advanced-Level Accreditation**

Anderson University—South Carolina

Bethel University—Indiana

Bowling Green State University—Ohio

Cameron University—Oklahoma

Idaho State University

Jackson State University—Mississippi

Missouri Southern University

Morgan State University—Maryland

Norfolk State University—Virginia

Ohio Dominican University

Nicholls State University

Saint Bonaventure University—New York

Sam Houston State University—Texas

Shawnee State University—Ohio

Southern Wesleyan University—South Carolina

The University of Hartford—Connecticut

The University of New Mexico

Trevecca Nazarene University—Ohio

University of Bahrain

University of Lynchburg—Virginia

University of North Dakota

University of Virginia

**Advanced-Level Accreditation**

Thomas Edison State University—New Jersey

*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.*

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