Program Report for the Initial Preparation of Special Education Teachers
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
2012 Standards - Option B

NCATE approved the CEC Standards in 2012. Beginning in Spring 2015, programs submitting reports must use the 2012 standards.

COVER SHEET

1. Institution Name

2. State

3. Date submitted
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4. Report Preparer's Information:
   Name of Preparer:
   Phone:    Ext.
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   E-mail:

5. CAEP Coordinator's Information:
   Name:
   Phone:    Ext.
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   E-mail:

6. Name of institution's program

7. CAEP Category

8. Grade levels(1) and Exceptionalities/Severity Levels for which candidates are being prepared
9. **Program Type**
   - First Teaching License
   - Advanced Teaching
   - Other School Personnel
   - Unspecified

10. **Degree or award level**
    - Baccalaureate
    - Post Baccalaureate
    - Master's
    - Post Master's
    - Specialist or C.A.S.
    - Doctorate
    - Endorsement only

11. **Is this program offered at more than one site?**
    - Yes
    - No

12. **If your answer is "yes" to above question, list the sites at which the program is offered**

13. **Title of the state license for which candidates are prepared**

14. **Program report status:**
    - Initial Review
    - Response to One of the Following Decisions: Further Development Required or Recognition with Probation
    - Response to National Recognition With Conditions

15. **Is your Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) seeking**
    - CAEP accreditation for the first time (initial accreditation)
    - Continuing CAEP accreditation

16. **State Licensure data requirement on program completers disaggregated by specialty area with sub-area scores:**
    CAEP requires programs to provide completer performance data on state licensure examinations for completers who take the examination for the content field, if the state has a licensure testing requirement. Test information and data must be reported in Section IV. Does your state require such a test?
    - Yes
    - No
SECTION I - CONTEXT

1. Description of any state or institutional policies that may influence the application of CEC standards. (Response limited to 4,000 characters)

2. Description of the field and clinical experiences required for the program, including the number of hours for early field experiences and the number of hours/weeks for student teaching or internships. (Response limited to 8,000 characters)

3. Description of the criteria for admission, retention, and exit from the program, including required GPAs and minimum grade requirements for the content courses accepted by the program. (Response limited to 4,000 characters)

4. CEC initial or advanced Preparation Standards and Specialty Sets used

5. Please attach files to describe a program of study that outlines the courses and experiences required for candidates to complete the program. The program of study must include course titles. (This information may be provided as an attachment from the college catalog or as a student advisement sheet.)

6. This system will not permit you to include tables or graphics in text fields. Therefore any tables or charts must be attached as files here. The title of the file should clearly indicate the content of the file. Word documents, pdf files, and other commonly used file formats are acceptable.

7. Candidate Information
Directions: Provide three years of data on candidates enrolled in the program and completing the program, beginning with the most recent academic year for which numbers have been tabulated. Report the data separately for the levels/tracks (e.g., baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, alternate routes, master's, doctorate) being addressed in this report. Data must also be reported separately for programs offered at multiple sites. Update academic years (column 1) as appropriate for your data span. Create additional tables as necessary.

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(2) CAEP uses the Title II definition for program completers. Program completers are persons who have met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript, or other written proof of having met the program's requirements.

8. Faculty Information
Directions: Complete the following information for each faculty member responsible for professional coursework, clinical supervision, or administration in this program.

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<th>Faculty Member Name</th>
<th>Highest Degree, Field, &amp; University(3)</th>
<th>Assignment: Indicate the role of the faculty member (4)</th>
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<td>Scholarship&lt;sup&gt;(6)&lt;/sup&gt;, Leadership in Professional Associations, and Service&lt;sup&gt;(7)&lt;/sup&gt;: List up to 3 major contributions in the past 3 years&lt;sup&gt;(8)&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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(3) For example, PhD in Curriculum & Instruction, University of Nebraska.
(4) For example, faculty, clinical supervisor, department chair, administrator.
(5) For example, professor, associate professor, assistant professor, adjunct professor, instructor.
(6) Scholarship is defined by CAEP as a systematic inquiry into the areas related to teaching, learning, and the education of teachers and other school personnel. Scholarship includes traditional research and publication as well as the rigorous and systematic study of pedagogy, and the application of current research findings in new settings. Scholarship further presupposes submission of one's work for professional review and evaluation.
(7) Service includes faculty contributions to college or university activities, schools, communities, and professional associations in ways that are consistent with the institution and unit's mission.
(8) For example, officer of a state or national association, article published in a specific journal, and an evaluation of a local school program.
(9) Briefly describe the nature of recent experience in P-12 schools (e.g. clinical supervision, in-service training, teaching in a PDS) indicating the discipline and grade level of the assignment(s). List current P-12 licensure or certification(s) held, if any.
In this section, list the assessments that are being submitted as evidence for meeting the CEC standards. If your state does not require a state licensure test in the content area, you must substitute an assessment that documents candidate attainment of content knowledge in #1 below. For each assessment, indicate the type or form of the assessment and when it is administered in the program.

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(10) Identify assessment by title used in the program; refer to Section IV for further information on appropriate assessment to include.
(11) Identify the type of assessment (e.g., essay, case study, project, comprehensive exam, reflection, state licensure test, portfolio).
(12) Indicate the point in the program when the assessment is administered (e.g., admission to the program, admission to student teaching/internship, required courses [specify course title and numbers], or completion of the program).
For each CEC standard on the chart below, identify the assessment(s) in Section II that address the standard. One assessment may apply to multiple CEC standards.

### 1. FIELD EXPERIENCES AND CLINICAL PRACTICE STANDARD

Special education candidates progress through a series of developmentally sequenced field experiences for the full range of ages, types and levels of abilities, and collaborative opportunities that are appropriate to the license or roles for which they are preparing. These field and clinical experiences are supervised by qualified professionals.

Information should be provided in Section I (Context) to address this standard.

### 2. Standard 1: Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences

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| **Beginning special education professionals understand how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning and use this knowledge to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities.**
(1.1) Beginning special education professionals understand how language, culture, and family background influence the learning of individuals with exceptionalities.
(1.2) Beginning special education professionals use understanding of development and individual differences to respond to the needs of individuals with exceptionalities. |

### 3. Standard 2: Learning Environments

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| **Beginning special education professionals create safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments so that individuals with exceptionalities become active and effective learners and develop emotional well-being, positive social interactions, and self-determination.**
(2.1) Beginning special education professionals through collaboration with general educators and other colleagues create safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments to engage individuals with exceptionalities in meaningful learning activities and social interactions.
(2.2) Beginning special education professionals use motivational and instructional interventions to teach individuals with exceptionalities how to adapt |
to different environments. 

(2.3) Beginning special education professionals know how to intervene safely and appropriately with individuals with exceptionalities in crisis.

4. **Standard 3: Curricular Content Knowledge**

**Beginning special education professionals use knowledge of general** (13) **and specialized** (14) **curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.**

(3.1) Beginning special education professionals understand the central concepts, structures of the discipline, and tools of inquiry of the content areas they teach, and can organize this knowledge, integrate cross-disciplinary skills, and develop meaningful learning progressions for individuals with exceptionalities.

(3.2) Beginning special education professionals understand and use general and specialized content knowledge for teaching across curricular content areas to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.

(3.3) Beginning special education professionals modify general and specialized curricula to make them accessible to individuals with exceptionalities.

(14) As used, “general curricula” means the academic content of the general curriculum including math, reading, English/language arts, science, social studies, and the arts.

(14) As used, “specialized curricula” means the content of specialized interventions or sets of interventions including, but not limited to academic, strategic, communicative, social, emotional, and independence curricula.

5. **Standard 4: Assessment**

**Beginning special education professionals use multiple methods of assessment and data-sources in making educational decisions.**

(4.1) Beginning special education professionals select and use technically sound formal and informal assessments that minimize bias.

(4.2) Beginning special education professionals use knowledge of measurement principles and practices to interpret assessment results and guide educational decisions for individuals with exceptionalities.

(4.3) Beginning special education professionals in collaboration with colleagues and families use multiple types of assessment information in
making decisions about individuals with exceptionalities

(4.4) Beginning special education professionals engage individuals with exceptionalities to work toward quality learning and performance and provide feedback to guide them.

6. **Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies**

**Beginning special education professionals select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies** to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

(5.1) Beginning special education professionals consider an individual’s abilities, interests, learning environments, and cultural and linguistic factors in the selection, development, and adaptation of learning experiences for individual with exceptionalities.

(5.2) Beginning special education professionals use technologies to support instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with exceptionalities.

(5.3) Beginning special education professionals are familiar with augmentative and alternative communication systems and a variety of assistive technologies to support the communication and learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

(5.4) Beginning special education professionals use strategies to enhance language development and communication skills of individuals with exceptionalities.

(5.5) Beginning special education professionals develop and implement a variety of education and transition plans for individuals with exceptionalities across a wide range of settings and different learning experiences in collaboration with individuals, families, and teams.

(5.6) Beginning special education professionals teach to mastery and promote generalization of learning.

(5.7) Beginning special education professionals teach cross-disciplinary knowledge and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving to individuals with exceptionalities.
7. Standard 6: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice

Beginning special education professionals use foundational knowledge of the field and the their professional Ethical Principles and Practice Standards to inform special education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession.

(6.1) Beginning special education professionals use professional Ethical Principles and Professional Practice Standards to guide their practice
(6.2) Beginning special education professionals understand how foundational knowledge and current issues influence professional practice
(6.3) Beginning special education professionals understand that diversity is a part of families, cultures, and schools, and that complex human issues can interact with the delivery of special education services
(6.4) Beginning special education professionals understand the significance of lifelong learning and participate in professional activities and learning communities.
(6.5) Beginning special education professionals advance the profession by engaging in activities such as advocacy and mentoring
(6.6) Beginning special education professionals provide guidance and direction to paraeducators, tutors, and volunteers.

8. Standard 7: Collaboration

Beginning special education professionals collaborate with families, other educators, related service providers, individuals with exceptionalities, and personnel from community agencies in culturally responsive ways to address the needs of individuals with exceptionalities across a range of learning experiences.

(7.1) Beginning special education professionals use the theory and elements of effective collaboration
(7.2) Beginning special education professionals serve as a collaborative resource to colleagues
(7.3) Beginning special education professionals use
collaboration to promote the well-being of individuals with exceptionalities across a wide range of settings and collaborators
DIRECTIONS: The key assessments listed in Section II must be documented and discussed in Section IV. Taken as a whole, the assessments must demonstrate candidate mastery of the CEC Preparation Standards. The key assessments must be required of all candidates.

Assessments and scoring guides and data charts should be aligned with the CEC preparation standards. This means that the concepts in the CEC Preparation Standards should be apparent in the assessments and in the scoring guides/rubrics to the same depth, breadth, and specificity as in the CEC Preparation Standards. Data tables should also be aligned with the CEC Preparation Standards. Generally, the data should be presented at the same level it is collected. For example, if a rubric collects data on 10 elements each relating to specific CEC PREPARATION standard(s), then the data chart should report the data on each of the elements rather that reporting a cumulative score.

A program is free to select the types of assessments within the following constraints:
• A program cannot use more than 8 key assessments. There is no minimum requirement.
• Assessments should be required of all candidates.
• The program must include the state licensure test in the program area for assessment 1. This requirement is waived if there is no state credentialing test.
• One assessment must demonstrate candidate effects on student learning.
• In their entirety, the assessments and data should demonstrate that candidates have mastered the CEC Preparation Standards.

Program must submit the following documentation:

**Rationale:** The rationale making the case that the key assessments, taken as a whole, demonstrate candidate mastery of the CEC Preparation standards. (Character limit 40,000 characters)

**Assessment Documentation:** For each assessment, attach one document that includes the following 3 items:
- The assessment itself or a rich description of the assessment (often the directions given to candidates);
- The scoring guide/rubric for the assessment; and
- Tables that provide candidate data derived from the assessment.

1. **Rationale:** Attach a narrative outlining your case that the assessments, taken as a whole, demonstrate candidate mastery of the CEC Preparation Standards. (Character limit 40,000 characters)

2. **State licensure tests or professional examinations of content knowledge.** If your state does not require licensure tests or professional examinations in the content area, data from another assessment must be presented to document candidate attainment of content knowledge. (Assessment Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

3. **EFFECTS ON STUDENT LEARNING.** Provide evidence from program assessments that demonstrates candidate effects on student learning. Examples of assessments include those based on student work samples, portfolio tasks, case studies, follow-up studies, and employer surveys.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV FOR Program Assessments 4 through 8.
4. Provide assessment information (items 1-5) as outlined in the directions for Section IV
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For each program assessment listed in Section II, use one file to provide a description of the assessment of not more than two pages along with the program assessment, scoring rubric, and data tables.

Taken as a whole, the program assessments must demonstrate candidate mastery of the CEC Preparation Standards. The program assessments used must be required of all candidates. Assessments, scoring guides/rubrics, and data should be aligned with the CEC Preparation Standards. This means that the concepts in the CEC Preparation Standards should be apparent in the program assessments and in the scoring guides/rubrics to the same depth, breadth, and specificity as in the CEC Preparation Standards. Data should also be aligned with the CEC Preparation Standards. The data should be presented at the same level it is collected. For example, if a rubric is used to collects data on several elements each relating to specific CEC Preparation Standard, then the data should report the data on each of the elements rather than reporting a single cumulative score.

While faculty may align state credentialing assessment (Program Assessment 1) to numerous CEC Preparation Standards, it may not be cited as the sole assessment for any other CEC Preparation Standard.

Note that in special education, the primary content knowledge for the professional discipline includes and is inextricable from professional knowledge. Therefore, program assessments that combine content and professional knowledge will be considered "content knowledge" assessments for the purpose of this report.

For each program assessment, the report developer should prepare one document that includes the following items:
(1) Two-page narrative including:
  • A brief description of the program assessment and its use in the program;
  • A description of how this program assessment specifically aligns with the standards for which it is cited in Section III. Cite CEC Preparation Standards by number, title, and/or standard wording.
  • A brief analysis of the data findings;
  • An interpretation of how that data provides evidence for meeting standards, indicating the specific CEC Preparation Standards by number, title, and/or standard wording;
(2) Program assessment documentation including:
  • The program assessment tool itself or a rich description of the program assessment (often the directions given to candidates);
  • The scoring guide or rubric for the program assessment; and
  • Candidate performance data derived from the program assessment in tables that display the scores in alignment with the CEC Preparation Standards.
  • The responses for e, f, and g (above) routinely should be limited to the equivalent of five text pages each. Exceptionally, some program assessment instruments or scoring guides/rubrics may go beyond five pages.

1. RATIONALE
Attach a narrative outlining your case that the assessments, taken as a whole, demonstrate candidate mastery of the SPA standards. (Character limit 40,000 characters)

2. **STATE LICENSURE**

Data from required state licensure tests or professional examinations of content knowledge CEC Preparation Standards addressed in this program assessment could include Standards 1 through 7. If the state does not require a credentialing test(s) or professional examinations in the content area, another program assessment must be presented to document candidate attainment of content knowledge.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

3. **EFFECTS ON STUDENT LEARNING**

Provide evidence from program assessments that demonstrates candidate effects on student learning. Examples of assessments include those based on student work samples, portfolio tasks, case studies, follow-up studies, and employer surveys.

Provide program assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

4. **PROGRAM ASSESSMENT**

Provide assessment information (items 1-5) as outlined in the directions for Section IV.

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9. **PROGRAM ASSESSMENT**

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV.
1. Evidence must be presented in this section that assessment results have been analyzed and have been or will be used to improve candidate performance and strengthen the program. This description should not link improvements to individual assessments but, rather, it should summarize principal findings from the evidence, the faculty's interpretation of those findings, and changes made in (or planned for) the program as a result. Describe the steps program faculty has taken to use information from assessments for improvement of both candidate performance and the program. This information should be organized around (1) content knowledge, (2) professional and pedagogical knowledge, skill, and dispositions, and (3) student learning.

(Response limited to 12,000 characters)
SECTION VI - FOR REVISED REPORTS OR RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS REPORTS ONLY

1. For Revised Reports: Describe what changes or additions have been made to address the standards that were not met in the original submission. Provide new responses to questions and/or new documents to verify the changes described in this section. Specific instructions for preparing a Revised Report are available on the CAEP website at http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/spa-program-review-policies-and-procedures

For Response to Conditions Reports: Describe what changes or additions have been made to address the conditions cited in the original recognition report. Provide new responses to questions and/or new documents to verify the changes described in this section. Specific instructions for preparing a Response to Conditions Report are available on the CAEP website at http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/spa-program-review-policies-and-procedures

(Response limited to 24,000 characters.)
This is the end of the report. Please click "Next" to proceed.