PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE PREPARATION OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS (School District Leadership Level) National Educational Leadership Program (NELP) Option 1 (2018 Standards)

NOTE: This form uses the NELP standards accepted by CAEP in 2018. Beginning in Spring 2021 all programs must use the new standards.

National Educational Leadership Program (NELP)

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) for which candidates are being prepared
9. **Program Type**
   - Other School Personnel
   - Non-licensure/non-certification degree
   - Unspecified

10. **Degree or award level**
   - 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

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**SECTION I - CONTEXT**

1. **Description of any state or institutional policies that may influence the application of NELP 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. Please include a description to inform reviewers how the internship/clinical experience(s) have been designed to meet NELP standards 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3. See Standard 8.0 rubric in Appendix 1 of the 2018 NELP Standards for reference.** (Response limited to 8,000 characters)

3. **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.)

4. **This system will not permit you to include tables or graphics in text fields. Therefore any tables or charts must be**
5. Candidate Information  
Directions: Provide three years of data on candidates enrolled in the program and completing the program, starting 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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<th>Program:</th>
<th># of Candidates Enrolled in the Program</th>
<th># of Program Completers(2)</th>
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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.

6. Faculty Information  
Directions: Complete the following information for each faculty member responsible for professional coursework, clinical supervision, or administration in this program. (Please refer to the footnotes for clarification)

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<tr>
<th>Faculty Member Name</th>
<th>Highest Degree, Field, &amp; University(3)</th>
<th>Assignment: Indicate the role of the faculty member(4)</th>
<th>Faculty Rank(5)</th>
<th>Tenure Track</th>
<th>Scholarship(6), Leadership in Professional Associations, and Service(7): List up to 3 major contributions in the past 3 years(8)</th>
<th>Teaching or other professional experience in P-12 schools(9)</th>
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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.

SECTION II - LIST OF ASSESSMENTS

In this section, list the 6-8 assessments that are being submitted as evidence for meeting the ELLC standards. All programs must provide a minimum of six assessments. If your state does not require a state licensure test in the content area, you must...
1. Please provide following assessment information (Response limited to 250 characters each field)

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<tr>
<th>Type and Number of Assessment</th>
<th>Name of Assessment (10)</th>
<th>Type or Form of Assessment (11)</th>
<th>When the Assessment Is Administered (12)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Assessment #1: State licensure assessment, or other content-based assessment of the NELP district-level standards (required)</td>
<td>Assessment #2: Assessment of content knowledge in educational leadership of NELP district-level standards (required)</td>
<td>Assessment #3: Assessment that demonstrates candidate's ability to engage in instructional leadership (required)</td>
<td>Assessment #4: Assessment that demonstrates candidate's leadership skills in systems management within in a field-based setting (required)</td>
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<td>Assessment #5: Assessment that demonstrates candidate's leadership skills in supporting community and external leadership (required)</td>
<td>Assessment #6: Assessment that demonstrates candidate's leadership skills in the areas of district governance (required)</td>
<td>Assessment #7: Additional assessment that addresses NELP standards (optional)</td>
<td>Assessment #8: Additional assessment that addresses NELP standards (optional)</td>
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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).

SECTION III - RELATIONSHIP OF ASSESSMENT TO STANDARDS

For each ELCC standard on the chart below, identify the assessment(s) in Section II that address the standard. One assessment may apply to multiple ELCC standards.

1. For each NELP standard on the chart below, identify the assessment(s) in Section II that address the standard. One assessment may apply to multiple NELP standards

Standard 1.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to collaboratively lead, design, and implement a district mission, vision, and process for continuous improvement that reflects a core set of values and priorities that include data use, technology, values, equity, diversity, digital citizenship, and community.

1.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to collaboratively design, communicate, and evaluate a district mission and vision that reflects a core set of values and priorities that include data use, technology, values, equity, diversity, digital citizenship, and community.

1.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to lead district strategic planning and continuous improvement processes that engage diverse stakeholders in data collection, diagnosis, design, implementation, and evaluation of district stakeholders.

2. Standard 2.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to understand and demonstrate the capacity to advocate for ethical decisions and cultivate professional norms and culture.

2.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to reflect on, communicate about, and cultivate professional dispositions and norms (i.e., equity, fairness, integrity, transparency, trust, collaboration, perseverance, reflection, lifelong learning, digital citizenship) and professional district and school cultures.

2.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate and advocate for ethical and legal decisions.

2.3 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to model ethical behavior in their personal conduct and relationships and to cultivate ethical behavior in others.

3. Standard 3.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to develop and maintain a supportive, equitable, culturally responsive, and inclusive district culture.

3.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate, cultivate, and advocate for a supportive and inclusive district culture.

3.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate, cultivate, and advocate for equitable access to safe and nurturing schools and the opportunities and resources,
including instructional materials, technologies, classrooms, teachers, interventions, and adult relationships, necessary to support the success and well-being of each student.

3.3 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate, advocate, and cultivate equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive instructional and behavior support practices among teachers and staff.

4. **Standard 4.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to evaluate, design, cultivate, and implement coherent systems of curriculum, instruction, data systems, supports, assessment, and instructional leadership.**

4.1 Program completers understand and can demonstrate the capacity to evaluate, design, and implement high-quality curricula, the use of technology, and other services and supports for academic and non-academic student programs.

4.2 Program completers understand and can demonstrate the capacity to collaboratively evaluate, design, and cultivate coherent systems of support, coaching, and professional development for educators, educational professionals, and school and district leaders, including themselves, that promote reflection, digital literacy, distributed leadership, data literacy, equity, improvement, and student success.

4.3 Program completers understand and can demonstrate the capacity to design, implement, and evaluate a developmentally appropriate, accessible, and culturally responsive system of assessments and data collection, management, and analysis that support instructional improvement, equity, student learning and well-being, and instructional leadership.

4.4 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to design, implement, and evaluate district-wide use of coherent systems of curriculum, instruction, assessment, student services, technology, and instructional resources that support the needs of each student in the district.

5. **Standard 5.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to understand and engage families, communities, and other constituents in the work of schools and the district and to advocate for district, student, and community needs.**

5.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to represent and support district schools in engaging diverse families in strengthening student learning in and out of school.

5.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to understand, engage, and effectively collaborate and communicate with, through oral, written, and digital means, diverse families, community members, partners, and other constituencies to benefit learners, schools, and the district as a whole.

5.3 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to communicate through oral, written, and digital means within the larger organizational, community, and political contexts and cultivate relationships with members of the business, civic, and policy community in support of their advocacy for district, school, student, and community needs.

6. **Standard 6.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the current and future success and well-being of each student and adult by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to develop, monitor, evaluate, and manage data-informed and equitable district systems for operations, resources, technology, and human capital management.**

6.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to develop, communicate, implement, and evaluate data-informed and equitable management, communication, technology, governance, and operation systems at the district level to support schools in realizing the district’s mission and vision.

6.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to develop, communicate, implement, and evaluate a data-based district resourcing plan and support schools in developing their school-level resourcing plans.

6.3 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to develop, implement, and evaluate coordinated, data-informed systems for hiring, retaining, supervising, and developing school and district staff in order to support the district’s collective instructional and leadership capacity.

7. **Standard 7.0: Candidates who successfully complete a district-level educational leadership preparation program understand and demonstrate the capacity to promote the present and future success and well-being of students and district personnel by applying the knowledge, skills, and commitments necessary to cultivate relationships, lead collaborative decision making and governance, and represent and advocate for district needs in broader policy conversations.**

7.1 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to represent the district, advocate for district needs, and cultivate a respectful and responsive relationship with the district’s board of education focused on achieving the district’s shared mission and vision.

7.2 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to design, implement, cultivate, and evaluate effective and collaborative systems for district governance that engage multiple and diverse stakeholder groups,
including school and district personnel, families, community stakeholders, and board members.

7.3 Program completers understand and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate, engage in decision making around, implement, and appropriately communicate about district, state, and national policy, laws, rules, and regulations.

7.4 Program completers understand the implications of larger cultural, social, economic, legal, and political interests, changes, and expectations and demonstrate the capacity to evaluate and represent district needs and priorities within larger policy conversations and advocate for district needs and priorities at the local, state, and national level.

Information should be provided in Section I (Context), question 2, to address this standard.

SECTION IV - EVIDENCE FOR MEETING STANDARDS

DIRECTIONS: The 6-8 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 SPA standards. The key assessments should be required of all candidates. Assessments, scoring guides/rubrics and data charts should be aligned with the SPA standards. This means that the concepts in the SPA standards should be apparent in the assessments and in the scoring guides/rubrics to the same depth, breadth, and specificity as in the SPA standards. Data tables should also be aligned with the SPA standards. The data should be presented, in general, at the same level it is collected. For example, if a rubric collects data on 10 elements [each relating to specific SPA standard(s)], then the data chart should report the data on each of the elements rather that reporting a cumulative score.

In the description of each assessment below, the SPA has identified potential assessments that would be appropriate. Assessments have been organized into the following three areas to be aligned with the elements in CAEP Standard 1:

- Content knowledge (Assessments 1 and 2)
- Pedagogical and professional knowledge, skills and dispositions (Assessments 3 and 4)
- Focus on student learning (Assessment 5)

Note that in some disciplines, content knowledge may include or be inextricable from professional knowledge. If this is the case, assessments that combine content and professional knowledge may be considered “content knowledge” assessments for the purpose of this report.

For each assessment, the compiler should prepare one document that includes the following items:

(1) A two-page narrative that includes the following:
   a. A brief description of the assessment and its use in the program (one sentence may be sufficient);
   b. A description of how this assessment specifically aligns with the standards it is cited for in Section III. Cite SPA standards by number, title, and/or standard wording.
   c. A brief analysis of the data findings;
   d. An interpretation of how that data provides evidence for meeting standards, indicating the specific SPA standards by number, title, and/or standard wording;
   and

(2) Assessment Documentation
   e. The assessment tool itself or a rich description of the assessment (often the directions given to candidates);
   f. The scoring guide/rubric for the assessment; and
   g. Charts that provide candidate data derived from the assessment.

The responses for e, f, and g (above) should be limited to the equivalent of five text pages each, however in some cases assessment instruments or scoring guides/rubrics may go beyond five pages.

Note: As much as possible, combine all of the files for one assessment into a single file. That is, create one file for Assessment #4 that includes the two-page narrative (items a – d above), the assessment itself (item e above), the scoring guide (item f above, and the data chart (item g above). Each attachment should be no larger than 2 mb. Do not include candidate work or syllabi. There is a limit of 20 attachments for the entire report so it is crucial that you combine files as much as possible. Please name files as directed in the guidelines for preparing a SPA Program Report found on the CAEP website at: http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/spa-program-review-policies-and-procedures

1. State licensure tests or professional examinations of content knowledge. NELP standards addressed in this entry could include but are not limited to: 1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 7.1. 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. (Answer Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

A LINK to upload or manage your uploaded file(s)

2. Assessment of content knowledge in educational leadership. NELP standards addressed in this assessment could include but are not limited to 1.1, 1.3, 2.3, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 7.1, 7-2, and 7.3. Examples of assessments include comprehensive examinations, GPAs or course grades, essays, and case studies. (Answer Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV
3. Assessment that demonstrates candidates' instructional leadership skills in working with district and school personnel on issues of instruction, curriculum, culture, and professional development within the district. NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to: Standard 1.0, 3.0, and 4.0. Examples of assessments include developing district improvement plans for instruction/curriculum, a district professional development plan, needs assessment projects, and/or district curriculum redesign projects. (Answer Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Sections III and IV.

4. Assessment that demonstrates candidates leadership skills through district-based internship/clinical practice settings. NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to: Standard 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0. Examples of assessments include faculty evaluations of candidates' performances, internship/clinical site supervisors' evaluations of candidates' performances, internship projects, and evaluation of candidates' formative and summative logs and reflections. (Answer Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

5. Assessment that demonstrates candidates' district leadership skills that support community and external leadership. NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to: Standard 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0. Examples of assessments include a district-community partnership proposal

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

6. Assessment that demonstrates candidates' leadership skills in the areas of district governance. NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to: Standard 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0. Examples of assessments include designing district-based strategic plans, a district improvement project, and/or a district simulation (Answer Required)

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

7. Additional assessment that addresses NELP standards (optional). NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to standards 1-7. Examples of assessments include portfolio tasks, postgraduate 360 evaluations, action research projects, needs assessment projects, faculty intervention plans, strategic plans, simulations, school intervention plans, internship evaluations, candidate test scores on comprehensive exams, licensure tests not reported in #1, and follow-up studies of employers.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

8. Additional assessment that addresses NELP standards (optional). NELP standards that could be addressed in this assessment include but are not limited to standards 1-7. Examples of assessments include portfolio tasks, postgraduate 360 evaluations, action research projects, needs assessment projects, faculty intervention plans, strategic plans, simulations, school intervention plans, internship evaluations, candidate test scores on comprehensive exams, licensure tests not reported in #1, and follow-up studies of employers.

Provide assessment information as outlined in the directions for Section IV

SECTION V - USE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM

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-procedur

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-procedur

(Response limited to 24,000 characters.)

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