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33 Schools from 20 States Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Prep

More than 500 *programs from 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates now meet CAEP's rigorous, national accreditation standards to better prepare tomorrow's teachers*

WASHINGTON – Today, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation announced that 33 providers from 20 states earned accreditation for their educator preparation programs (EPPs). These providers join those previously accredited in promoting excellence in educator preparation, which currently totals more than 500 CAEP-accredited providers

The CAEP Accreditation Council held its Fall 2026 review in October, during which 33 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.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review of 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 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. Including EPPs approved in Fall 2026 receiving CAEP accreditation, the total number of CAEP-accredited providers is more than 500. These schools span across 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Bahrain, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

Fall Class of 2026:

Adrian College
Berea College
Bluefield State University
Bluffton University
Capital University
Concordia University, Nebraska
Delaware State University
Doane University
Duquesne University
Faulkner University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Gardner-Webb University
Glenville State University
Grand Valley State University
Heidelberg University
Lewis and Clark College
Lipscomb University
Manchester University
Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals
Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators
Monmouth University
North Dakota State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Old Dominion University
Purdue University
Rider University
The Ohio State University
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Southern Mississippi
University of Cincinnati
University of Idaho
West Virginia University
York College/CUNY

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