

39 Schools from 21 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Jordan 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 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 39 providers from 21 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Jordan 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 Spring 2026 review in April, during which 39 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 Spring 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.

Spring Class of 2026:

American Museum of Natural History	Northeastern State University
Blue Mountain Christian University	Northern Illinois University
Capitol Region Education Council	Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Carson-Newman University	Nova Southeastern University
Drew University	Purdue University Fort Wayne
Duke University	Queens College
Fairmont State University	Radford University
Gallaudet University	Shenandoah University
George Mason University	Spalding University
Holy Cross College	St. John Fisher University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	The Hashemite University
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Metropolitan Campus	The University of Jordan
James Madison University	Universidad Ana G. Méndez- Recinto de Gurabo
Longwood University	University of Maine At Farmington
Marshall University	University of Notre Dame
Mount St. Joseph University	University of Saint Mary
Mutah University	University of South Carolina Upstate
New York Institute of Technology	University of South Dakota
Northeastern Illinois University	University of Tennessee at Martin
	Walden University

*The **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation** (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.*