

**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 39 Educator Prep Programs Recognized
for National Excellence**

*[Local Program] now 1 of 462 total providers meeting rigorous CAEP Accreditation Standards to
better prepare the teachers of tomorrow*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced today that **[Local Program]** is one of 39 providers from 16 states and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The Fall 2021 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](#) resulted in 39 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 462 providers approved under the CAEP [Accreditation Standards](#) – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions 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.”

The CAEP Board of Directors updated the educator preparation standards in 2020 as part of its commitment to reviewing the standards at least every seven years. The changes to the CAEP standards reflect the Board’s commitment to equity and diversity and also place an emphasis on the importance of technology in preparing future educators.

CAEP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately, 700 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

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 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.

[Insert local facts, data, description of the program or other accomplishments]

[Insert local quote] “Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said **[Local Program Administrator]**. “Our students and their families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation.”

[Local Program] joins 38 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 462 CAEP-accredited providers from 45 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Class of Fall 2021:

Appalachian State University—North Carolina	LeMoyne-Owen College—Tennessee
Austin Peay State University—Tennessee	Miles College—Alabama
Belmont University—Tennessee	Montclair State University—New Jersey
Bloomfield College—New Jersey	Northern State University—South Dakota
Boyce College—Tennessee	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico
California University of Pennsylvania	Queen Rania Teacher Academy—Jordan
Cedarville University—Ohio	Quinnipiac University—Connecticut
Centenary University—New Jersey	Rutgers University—New Jersey
Clemson University—South Carolina	Southern Connecticut State University
Concordia University—Michigan	State University of New York at Oswego
Drexel University—Pennsylvania	Stephen F. Austin State University—Texas
Emory & Henry College—Virginia	Texas Tech University
Fairfield University—Connecticut	The Citadel The Military College of South Carolina
Framingham State University—Massachusetts	University of Kansas
Furman University—South Carolina	University of North Georgia
Georgian Court University—New Jersey	University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo
God's Bible School & College—Ohio	University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Hanover College—Indiana	Virginia Commonwealth University
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Western Connecticut State University
Lehman College-CUNY—New York	

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.