



Council for the
Accreditation of
Educator Preparation

HIGHLIGHTS
Amended Accreditation Policy and Procedures
June 2022

This document highlights amendments approved by the Board during the June 2022 Board of Directors meeting to Accreditation Policy and Procedures, following Accreditation Council adoption in April. The amended Accreditation Policy and Procedures will take effect July 1, 2022.

These amendments address the following:

- Changes to the Introduction focused on types of accreditation include amendments to Specialty Area Accreditation for Freestanding EPPs – this includes acknowledging the possibility that a freestanding EPP meets one of the federal HEA definitions and expands prerequisite information to include meeting all CAEP eligibility requirements.
- All references to “students” throughout the AC Policy and Procedures have now been replaced with “candidates,” where applicable. Student is the term used by the U.S. Department of Education, but CAEP refers to students of EPPs as candidates.
- Changes to branch campuses policy to clarify that if an additional campus is not a branch campus, it is considered by CAEP to be an auxiliary location.
- Changes to international accreditation requirements to clarify that CAEP may waive any Standards, policies, and requirements applicable only for EPPs relying on CAEP accreditation to access federal programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act.
- Expands policy relating to annual EPP fees to specify the requirement for annual fees for EPPs seeking accreditation begins when CAEP accepts an Initial Application to align with current practice.
- Changes to policy relating to Accreditation Review Eligibility to require a panel between 3-5 qualified volunteers to review the Initial Application and recommend for approval only those EPPs that have provided sufficient information to demonstrate understanding of CAEP’s standards and processes, as well as demonstrate an intention to proceed toward an accreditation review.
- Changes to Section VI establishing that Accreditation Councilors are required to keep confidential the EPPs assigned to their panels for review.

You can find the updated Accreditation Policy and Procedures document on the [Accreditation Resources Pages](#). All changes take effect July 1, 2022.