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Educator Preparation Information Update

CAEP UPDATES

Accreditation Handbook. The Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has been developing a new accreditation process. In early 2015, CAEP plans to release the CAEP Accreditation Handbook. The handbook will include expectations for CAEP evidence, updated guidelines for completing self-studies in the three accreditation pathways, explanations for how quality assurance reviews will be conducted and other informative content.

CAEP received feedback from focus group stakeholder participants in order to create the handbook. The participants included educator preparation providers (EPPs), states, accreditation experts, and CAEP Research Committee. There will be a variety of activities and tools that will become available in 2015 and 2016 to supplement the handbook.

CAEP Annual Report. The [annual report](#) is due April 19. The Annual Report Guides were updated in December 2014.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM STANDARDS

The Ohio School Counselor Preparation Program Standards have changed. The program requirements are as follows:

- Align to and integrate CACREP Standards
- School Operating Standards (OAC Chapter 3301-35)
- Alignment with the Ohio Standards for Professional Development
- **NEW:** Candidate preparation to fully utilize Ohio Means Jobs interactive tool in providing career advising to K-12 students
- **New:** Candidate preparation with knowledge of current resources on supply and demand for specific Ohio careers
- **New:** Candidate preparation regarding Ohio Career Connections resources

All programs need to align to the above requirements and will need to demonstrate their alignment to the new standards at the time of their next program review. Any newly proposed programs will need to meet the standards from the outset. The program requirements, along with links, can be found [online](#).



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Staff Changes at OBR
- Program Reviewers Wanted



EVENTS, RESOURCES AND FURTHER READING

Free Training Opportunity for Higher Education Faculty. The Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) has a variety of free webinars [online](#). Of note, OLAC has developed a free training for higher education faculty on Friday, February 27, 2015. The event will be held at the University of Akron in the Student Union, Room 316. [Pre-registration is required](#).

OBR Educator Preparation Listserv. Anyone interested in receiving notices about educator preparation is invited to join the announcement-only listserv. Faculty and stakeholders are encouraged to join. Click [here](#) to join.

OBR Program Finder. OBR maintains a searchable database of approved Educator Preparation Providers. An updated version is available [online](#).

*CurricUNET Update—Limited State Approval Coming Soon!
Read Program Review Options article for more information.*

STAFF CHANGES AT OBR

We have had a few changes to the staff at OBR over the past few months. Melissa Cardenas has taken a position with Bowling Green State University. Matt Exline joined the team in August 2014 as Assistant Director, Program Development and Approval. Drew Sevel joined the team in September 2014 as Analyst-Researcher. Wendy Adams joined the team in October 2014 as Director of Academic Quality Assurance.

VETERANS AND REIMBURSEMENT

United States military veterans may seek reimbursement for educator licensure tests. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers a reimbursement program for educational expenses which can include the [Ohio Assessments for Educators](#). Download the Department of Veterans Affairs [Application](#) (VBA-22-0803-A). When filling out the application, the assessment and fees will need to be included.

Steps to find assessments and fees:

- Go to the WEMS Licenses/Certifications Search [page](#)
- Enter “OAE” into the L&C name field
- Select “Both” as the LAC category type
- Select the state initials “MA” for Massachusetts (location of the OAE testing contractor)
- Click on the “Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE)” link under the Description column
- A list of assessments and fees will appear

The reimbursement form can then be completed and submitted. For additional information, please contact your local veteran’s benefits office.



PROGRAM REVIEW OPTIONS

Continuing programs have three options they can choose from for review:

1. Specialized Professional Association (SPA) National Recognition Coupled with Evidence of Alignment to Ohio-Specific Requirements, e.g. Value-Added, Dyslexia, Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession, Ohio School Operating Standards - To be completed by midpoint of unit's national accreditation cycle
2. Chancellor Review of Evidence Provided Via CAEP Program Review with Feedback Process as part of Unit Accreditation Review - To be completed by midpoint of unit's national accreditation cycle
3. State Program Review - To be completed by midpoint of unit's national accreditation cycle

A new template is currently being developed in CurricUNET for continuing programs in Ohio that hold full SPA-recognition. If a program holds SPA recognition with conditions, they cannot choose the truncated state review and must submit for full state review.

Once the truncated state review option is available in CurricUNET, an announcement will be made so that educator preparation providers can submit evidence of State compliance for SPA recognized continuing program reviews through CurricUNET. Any new program proposals must go through the full state review as well as any programs that are not SPA recognized.

More information on the program review process can be found [online](#).

WANTED: PROGRAM REVIEWERS

OBR seeks content experts to serve as program reviewers in all licensure areas, especially in AYA and MCE, mathematics and science. The paid consultants must 1) possess a thorough understanding of Ohio's licensure standards and OBR's program approval standards, 2) have experience in higher education, and 3) have experience with PK-12 settings, such as teaching, leadership or professional development.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest highlighting his/her qualifications to serve as a reviewer and an updated CV to Matt Exline by March 1st.

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ED PREP PERFORMANCE REPORTS

2014 Educator Performance Report. The final state, institution, and program reports are posted [online](#).

Thank You. A big thank you goes out to everyone for their participation in the 2014 Educator Preparation Program Performance Reports. The data submission and review process went smoothly. Thank you all for your participation and we are hopeful that next year will be even better.

Performance Report Schedule.

A new schedule for 2015-16 will be available in early May.

Spring Pre-Service Surveys. All survey invitations will be sent on March 15 and close on April 15 unless an EPP requests other dates. Please send a contact list in Excel format with each of the following columns: candidate's first name, last name and email address to Wendy Adams.



OHIO PROGRAM REVIEW AND CURRICUNET

Spring Program Review Deadlines. Initial inquiries for the Spring 2015 Program Review can be submitted at any time. Proposals are to be submitted by March 1st in order to be reviewed for the Spring cycle. Any proposals submitted after March 1st will be reviewed for the Fall 2015 Review cycle.

Future Program Review Deadlines. We are working on updating each institution's program review dates. You will receive an email with information about your program review dates. If you have any questions about your programs and their review dates prior to us reaching out to you, please contact Wendy Adams.

CurricUNET. Each institution should have received a user manual to navigate CurricUNET. If you need a copy, please contact Matt Exline. Institutions are able to add users to the system on their own. We want to thank everyone as we work through the bugs of the new system. Your feedback and willingness to test and document issues has helped tremendously.

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IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 2 Comment Period Ends for Title II Draft Regulations
- 5 SUED Meeting (WebX 10am)
- 13 OAPCTE Meeting (GoToMeeting 10am)

March

- 1 Spring Program Proposal Deadline
- 4 SUED Meeting (Embassy Suites, Dublin 5pm)
- 4 OAPCTE Meeting (at OCTEO)
- 4-6 OCTEO Conference
- 15 Spring Semester Surveys Open. Invitations sent (default date)

April

- 2 SUED Meeting (Russell Room, Ohio School Boards Association 10am)
- 8-10 2015 Spring CAEP Conference
- 10 OAPCTE Meeting (GoToMeeting 10am)
- 15 Spring Semester Surveys Close (default date)
- 19 CAEP Annual Report Due
- 20 Feedback due for Program Approval

May

- 7 SUED Meeting (Russell Room, Ohio School Boards Association 10am)
- 8 OAPCTE Meeting (GoToMeeting 10am)

