



Fall Program Review **UPDATE!**

The Ohio Board of Regents received 117 programs for review this fall. The review process is under way with initial response to educator preparation providers planned by December 2, 2013.

Alliance for Excellent Education: Project 24

As educators strive to meet the needs of individual learners, it has become incumbent upon teacher preparation programs to prepare candidates with skills in 21st century learning. The scope of where and how our professional educators are prepared is continually changing and in order to meet the needs of districts and schools it is increasingly important that educators are prepared for the digital age.

The article, [Expert Perspectives on Teacher Preparation](#), shares expert perspectives on teacher preparation in the digital age. It includes advice for prospective teachers, transitioning to a learner-centered instructional model, certification policy issues, and the need for qualified teachers to support English language learners. For more information on the Alliance for Excellent Education, please visit: <http://all4ed.org>

CurricUNET

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) will launch an online system for all academic program review and approval in summer 2014. The CurricUNET system is designed to streamline the program submission process, while ensuring quality and timeliness. This system is compatible with multiple platforms, so institutions will not be required to purchase CurricUNET in order to submit their programs for review.

Governet, the company that licenses the CurricUNET system, has communications to colleges and universities regarding the purchase of the CurricUNET system. Individual institutions may wish to purchase this system for their own curriculum management, but again, it will not be required for submission to OBR.

Speak Up Ohio 2013

The Speak Up National Research Project provides the largest collection of authentic, unfiltered views and opinions of K-12 students, parents, and educators on critical 21st century education issues. Since 2003, more than three million K-12 education stakeholders have participated in this annual survey. Data findings are shared each year with federal, state, and local policymakers to inform education programs and funding. OBR encourages faculty and pre-service candidates to participate in the survey and asks that you encourage participation in your greater community.

- [Online surveys](#) are open today through December 20, 2013.
- Survey topics include: learning and teaching with technology, 21st century skills, science/math instruction, career exploration, emerging technologies, and professional development.

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Seeking Reviewers

The Ohio Deans Compact on Exceptional Children is seeking reviewers as part of their application for new incentive grants process. If you or a colleague are interested in applying, please visit www.ohiodeanscompact.org, and click on the **Submit Profile** button at the bottom of the home page. This will direct you to the **Reviewer Profile** form. The deadline to apply to be a reviewer is November 11, 2013.

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