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**46 Educator Prep Providers from 22 States and Puerto Rico
Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Prep**

*147 programs now meeting new, rigorous CAEP national accreditation standards
to better prepare our teachers of tomorrow*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced today that 46 providers from 22 states and Puerto Rico have received accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The spring 2018 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council increased to 147: the total number of providers approved under the CAEP teacher preparation standards—rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation.

“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 the sole 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. 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 providers focused on educator preparation. Currently, more than 800 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including many previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review on five 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.

“These providers should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar with our standards and receiving accreditation validates the hard work educator preparation providers are doing,” said Dr. Kim Walters-Parker, Chair of CAEP’s Accreditation Council.

“Candidates in programs receiving CAEP Accreditation are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for educator preparation.”

The 46 providers that received CAEP Accreditation in spring 2018 are joining the 101 providers previously accredited. Overall, 147 preparation providers from 36 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have received CAEP Accreditation..

Also, in spring of 2018, the Accreditation Council voted to revoke accreditation for three EPPs. These decisions will be made public once final and at the conclusion of any appeals.

The class of spring 2018 is listed below.

Aquinas College—Michigan	Muskingum University—Ohio
Arkansas State University	New Jersey City University
Ashland University—Ohio	New Mexico State University
Bluffton University—Ohio	Northern Illinois University
Calvin College—Michigan	Pace University—New York
Central Baptist College--Arkansas	Pittsburg State University—Kansas
Concordia University Chicago	St. Louis University—Missouri
Eastern Kentucky University	St. Mary’s College—Indiana
Eastern Michigan University	Seton Hall University—New Jersey
Elizabeth City State University—North Carolina	Shepherd University—West Virginia
Florida International University	The College of Wooster—Ohio
Hiram College—Ohio	Universidad de Puerto Rico de Cayey
Heidelberg University—Ohio	Universidad De Puerto Rico De Mayaguez
Indiana University Purdue University- Columbus	University of Akron—Ohio
Indiana University Purdue University— Indianapolis	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Indiana Wesleyan University	University of Indianapolis
Kean University—New Jersey	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Lee University—Tennessee	University of Maine at Farmington
Marietta College—Ohio	University of Nebraska at Kearney
McNeese State University—Louisiana	University of Rio Grande—Ohio
Molloy College—New York	University of South Carolina
Morris College—South Carolina	University of Southern Indiana
	University of Tennessee at Martin
	Wichita State University

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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.