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Educator Preparation Programs Receive Accreditation Decisions from Commission Committee

SACRAMENTO – At its May 13 – 14, 2009 meeting, the Committee on Accreditation (COA) voted initial program approval for the Santa Clara County Office of Education’s (SCCOE) Preliminary Administrative Services credential program. The review panel determined the SCCOE’s program met all standards and preconditions for Preliminary Administrative Services credentials.

The COA also voted to approve the accreditation team’s recommendation for full **Accreditation** of the Westmont College Multiple and Single Subject programs and **Accreditation with Stipulations** for California State University, East Bay, Notre Dame de Namur University, San Diego County Office of Education, and Western Governor’s University.

The COA is an appointed body of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing whose members include experts in the fields of teacher preparation. Following site visits which include extensive review of program data and documentation as well as interviews with faculty, program participants and graduates, administrators and public school personnel, a site visit team brings a full report with an accreditation recommendation to the COA for final review and approval. This accreditation process ensures programs are providing complete and effective training for future school personnel that meet the standards adopted by California for the preparation of credential candidates.

As noted above, four of the five programs recently presented to the COA received decisions of “Accreditation with Stipulations”, while one received full “Accreditation.” Those institutions receiving accreditation with stipulations have one year to address the program standards deemed not fully met and report back to the COA. The following chart provides further information including the web address to the full accreditation reports.

| Institution and Programs | Accreditation Decision |
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| California State University, East Bay Multiple Subject, with Internship and Bilingual Emphasis Option (Spanish) Single Subject, with Internship Education Specialist, with Internship Mild/Moderate Moderate/Severe Reading Certificate Reading Language Arts Specialist Administrative Services, with Internship Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling School Psychology, with Internship Clinical Rehabilitative Services Speech Language Pathology School Psychology | Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-22.pdf |
| Notre Dame de Namur University Administrative Services, Preliminary Multiple Subject, with Internship Single Subject, with Internship Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Moderate/Severe Reading Language Arts Specialist Reading Certificate | Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-09.pdf |
| San Diego County Office of Education Administrative Services, Clear Designated Subjects Adult Education Vocational Education/Career Technical Education | Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-11.pdf |
| Westmont College Multiple Subject Single Subject | Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-12.pdf |
| Western Governor's University Multiple Subject, with Internship Single Subject, with Internship | Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-19.pdf |

During the year that an institution has to address stipulations, Commission staff works with the institution to correct the issues that were identified at the site visit. At times, documentation and evidence is submitted to the Commission and at other times a re-visit is required. When the COA has required a re-visit to address the concerns, the original team lead, staff consultant, and at times additional team members return to the institution a year after the original visit.

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Phillips Graduate Institute recently completed a re-visit. The accreditation team recommended extending the current accreditation status of ***Accreditation with Stipulations*** for another six months. But the COA took action that the accreditation decision is ***Accreditation with Major Stipulations***. A second re-visit will take place within 6 months and if the issues have not been adequately addressed, the COA will consider ***Denial of Accreditation*** as a possible accreditation decision.

The COA meets several times a year in a public forum. For additional information on the roles and responsibilities of the COA, and to review current and past agendas, please visit the following website: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa.html>. Information for specific institutions can be obtained by contacting the institution directly.

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