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Commission's Accrediting Body Holds Final Meeting for the Year, Makes Significant Decisions

SACRAMENTO – The Committee on Accreditation (COA) held its final meeting for the 2008-09 academic year on June 25-26, 2009. Six professional preparation programs received accreditation status. After considering accreditation team analyses and hearing comments made by program representatives, some of whom appeared via teleconference, the COA voted in favor of all team recommendations.

Three of the six programs presented to the COA received decisions of “Accreditation with Stipulations” while three 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.

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.

At this recent meeting, the COA reviewed the results of the accreditation re-visit for Argosy University. Argosy received an accreditation status of “Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations” from the COA in April 2008. The recent recommendations of the re-visit team were to remove the prior stipulations and change Argosy’s status to “Accreditation.” These recommendations were approved by the COA and Argosy’s status raised to full accreditation.

The charts that follow provide further information on the recent COA decisions, including the web addresses to the full accreditation reports.

Institution and Programs	Accreditation Decision
California State University, San Bernardino Administrative Services, with Internship Multiple Subject, with Internship and Bilingual Emphasis Option (Spanish) Single Subject, with Internship Education Specialist, with Internship Mild/Moderate Moderate/Severe Early Childhood Adapted Physical Education Reading Certificate Reading Language Arts Specialist Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling, with Internship School Psychology, with Internship Health Services School Nurse Designated Subjects Adult Education Career Technical Education	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-11.pdf
California State University, Channel Islands Administrative Services, Preliminary Multiple Subject, with Internship and Bilingual Emphasis Option (Spanish) Single Subject, with Internship Education Specialist, with Internship Mild/Moderate	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-13.pdf
High Tech High Graduate School of Education Single Subject, Internship only	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-20.pdf

In addition to institutions of higher education, the COA provides accreditation to professional preparation programs sponsored by school districts and county offices of education. The following programs received accreditation decisions at the June meeting.

District/County Office and Programs	Accreditation Decision
San Diego Unified School District Multiple Subject, Internship only Single Subject, Internship only Education Specialist, Internship only Designated Subjects Career Technical Education	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-21.pdf

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Los Angeles County Office of Education Designated Subjects Adult Education Career Technical Education Supervision and Coordination	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-23.pdf
Fresno County Office of Education Designated Subjects Adult Education Career Technical Education Supervision and Coordination Special Subjects	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-06/2009-06-item-24.pdf

The COA meets 5 – 6 times a year in a public forum. The next COA meeting will be held on August 4-5, 2009. 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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