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Education Preparation Programs Receive Accreditation from Commission Committee

SACRAMENTO – At its April 8 – 9, 2009 meeting, the Committee on Accreditation (COA) voted to approve accreditation team recommendations for four educator preparation institutions. 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 including 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 accreditation recommendations 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.

Three of the four programs recently reviewed by COA staff 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
Patten University Multiple Subject, with Internship Single Subject, with Internship	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-07.pdf
Mills College Multiple Subject Single Subject Education Specialist: Early Childhood Administrative Services	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-08.pdf
California Lutheran University Multiple Subject, with Internship and Bilingual Emphasis Option Single Subject, with Internship and Bilingual Emphasis Option Education Specialist, with Internship	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-20.pdf

Mild/Moderate Disabilities Moderate/Severe Disabilities Deaf and Hard of Hearing Reading Language Arts Certificate Administrative Services Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling Child Welfare and Attendance	
Simpson University Multiple Subject Single Subject Administrative Services, Preliminary and Internship	Accreditation with Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-25.pdf

During the year that an institution has to address stipulations, the Commission staff works with the institution to correct the issues that were identified in 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 and staff consultant return to the institution a year after the original visit.

Three institutions recently completed re-visits and an additional institution submitted evidence addressing the stipulations. The COA voted to approve the recommendations and change the accreditation status for each institution as follows.

Institution	Prior Accreditation Decision	Current Accreditation Decision
Holy Names University	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-09.pdf
Orange County Department of Education	Accreditation with Technical Stipulations	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-16.pdf
Vanguard University	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations	Accreditation with Technical Stipulations http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-19.pdf
Project Pipeline (Mt. Diablo Unified School District)	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations	Accreditation http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-04/2009-04-item-22.pdf

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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