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Old Institution Gets New Name, Seeks New Approvals

SACRAMENTO -- The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) granted initial institutional approval to Brandman University at its June 3-4 meeting. The institution, formerly Chapman University College, is now set to proceed with preparation for approval of its professional preparation programs.

Chapman University has a long history of educator preparation in California dating back to 1973 when it was first approved by the State Board of Education to offer educator preparation programs. Since that time the main campus and its off-site locations have come to be known by different, though similar, names: Chapman University and Chapman University College, respectively. In recent months these two entities have taken steps to become distinct educational entities. In February 2009, Chapman University and Brandman University (formerly Chapman University College) were recognized as two separate entities by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In May 2009, Brandman University announced its formal name change from Chapman University College.

As it did under its former name, Brandman University will continue to focus on adult students. The university will continue serving more than 10,000 working students through online and on-campus course offerings. Brandman University has 25 campus locations throughout California and Washington. While still part of the Chapman University System, its separate WASC accreditation requires Brandman University to now seek separate accreditation for its educator preparation programs.

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