



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Agreement to Pilot Accreditation Activities with TEAC
for Interested California Institutions

Summary

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has entered into an agreement with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to allow approved educator preparation institutions in California to seek accreditation from both TEAC and the Commission through a set of joint accreditation activities.

An institution interested in seeking accreditation from both the Commission and TEAC must submit a brief proposal to the Committee on Accreditation (COA) a minimum of 24 months prior to a joint CTC-TEAC visit/audit.

Background

Education Code §44374(f) allows an institution to utilize national standards in California's accreditation activities if the standards have been deemed to be comparable to the Commission's adopted standards. The articulation between national and state accreditation is defined in the Commission's Accreditation Framework: and further described in the Accreditation Handbook.

TEAC is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the US Department of Education as one of two national entities that accredit education preparation institutions.

The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC), founded in 1997, is dedicated to improving academic degree and certificate programs for professional educators—those who teach and lead in schools, pre-K through grade 12, and to assuring the public of their quality.

TEAC accredits undergraduate and graduate programs, including alternate route programs, based on (1) the evidence they have that they prepare competent, caring, and qualified professional educators and (2) their capacity

to monitor and improve the program's quality. TEAC believes this is the soundest way to assure the public about the quality of college and university programs. (<http://www.teac.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/teac-guide-to-accreditation.pdf>)

Chapman University has requested that the Commission work with TEAC to allow Chapman to seek both TEAC and Commission accreditation through one set of accreditation activities. At its May 2009 meeting, the Committee on Accreditation (COA) began to review TEAC's accreditation procedures and the *Quality Principles* and *Standards of Capacity for Program Quality*. At the August and October 2009 meetings the COA continued to refine the proposed TEAC agreement and reviewed the draft matrix aligning the TEAC *Quality Principles* and *Standards of Capacity for Program Quality* with the Commission's adopted Common Standards.

In January 2010 the COA acted to approve an *Agreement for Conducting California Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accreditation in conjunction with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council* and forward the agreement to Executive Director Janssen for his signature. On March 5, 2010 the signed agreement was returned to the Commission by Frank B. Murray, President of TEAC.

California Accreditation in Conjunction with TEAC

Each institution approved to offer one or more educator preparation programs in California is responsible for submitting Biennial Reports and Program Assessment documentation and hosting a site visit as is required by California's accreditation system. The partnership agreement with TEAC is for an initial period of two years with the intention of monitoring the partnership, adjusting the agreement as necessary, and developing an ongoing partnership between the Commission and TEAC. The partnership agreement identifies the steps a California institution would need to complete to seek accreditation from both the Commission and TEAC through a concurrent review and audit.

The COA has reviewed a DRAFT matrix which identifies the alignment between California's Common Standards and the TEAC *Quality Principles* and *Standards of Capacity for Program Quality* and will take action on the alignment in spring 2010. The draft matrix is posted on the Commission's National Accreditation web page, see reference section below. Components of California's Common Standards which are not explicitly addressed in the TEAC principles and standards are identified in bold text.

References

National Accreditation: Alignment with the California Accreditation System:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-alignment.html>

Agreement for Conducting California Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accreditation in conjunction with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-files/TEAC-agreement.doc>

Common Standards-TEAC Alignment Matrix- DRAFT <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-files/TEAC-Standards-Alignment-Matrix.doc>

“Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC): DRAFT Alignment Matrix and Agreement for Discussion.” COA agenda item, January 2010. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2010-01/2010-01-item-15.pdf>

“Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC): DRAFT Alignment Matrix and Agreement for Discussion.” COA agenda item, October 2009. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-10/2009-10-item-11.pdf>

“Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC): DRAFT Alignment Matrix and Agreement for Discussion.” COA agenda item, August 2009. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-08/2009-08-item-17.pdf>

“Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC): Initial Discussion of Accreditation Procedures and Standards.” COA agenda item, May 2009. <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2009-05/2009-05-item-17.pdf>

PSA 09-07: Information Related to National Accreditation: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PS-alerts/2009/PSA-09-07.pdf>

Accreditation Framework: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PDF/accreditation_framework.pdf

Accreditation Handbook: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-handbook/AH-Chapter-12.doc>

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TEAC: <http://www.teac.org/index.php/about/staff/>