



# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Revision to Common Standard 6: Advice and Assistance

## **Summary**

This Program Sponsor Alert provides information on a revision to Common Standard 6: Advice and Assistance, adopted by the Commission at its April 14, 2011 meeting.

## **Background**

At the April 14, 2011 Commission meeting, the Commission took action to revise Common Standard 6: Advice and Assistance. The Commission's Common Standards were last updated in 2008. The Common Standards include nine standards that all program sponsors must respond to in order to be approved to offer educator preparation programs. The Common Standards include the following:

- Standard 1: Educational Leadership
- Standard 2: Unit and Program Assessment and Evaluation
- Standard 3: Resources
- Standard 4: Faculty and Instructional Personnel
- Standard 5: Admission
- Standard 6: Advice and Assistance
- Standard 7: Field Experience and Clinical Practice
- Standard 8: District Employed Supervisors
- Standard 9: Assessment of Candidate Competence

The full text of the Common Standards may be found at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-common.html>.

At the April 2011 Commission meeting, the Commission removed the phrase “and to assist each candidate's professional placement” from the first sentence in Common Standard 6. As a result of this action taken by the Commission, the revised Common Standard 6 reads as follows:

Standard 6: Advice and Assistance currently reads as follows:

Qualified members of the unit are assigned and available to advise applicants and candidates about their academic, and professional and personal development. Appropriate information is accessible to guide each candidate's attainment of all program requirements. The institution and/or unit provide support and assistance to candidates and only retains candidates who are suited for entry or advancement in the education profession. Evidence regarding candidate progress and performance is consistently utilized to guide advisement and assistance efforts.

The Common Standards document on the Commission's website has been revised and all references to previous versions of Common Standard 6 will be eliminated shortly.

In addition to the Common Standards themselves, the COA had developed definitions of key terms contained in the Common Standards and included the definitions in the Common Standards Glossary at the end of the Common Standards document. The Common Standards Glossary contained the term “professional placement.” The reference to this term has been eliminated from the Glossary since it no longer appears in the Common Standards.

No other changes to the Common Standards were made at this time.

### **References**

April 14, 2011 Commission Agenda items: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2011-04/2011-04-3D.pdf>

March 3, 2011 Commission agenda item: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2011-03/2011-03-3B.pdf>

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