

# Common Standards: Language Review

Professional Services Division

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## Overview of this Report

This agenda insert provides the Committee on Accreditation (COA) with the products from the June 12-13 working meeting of the COA on the topic of ensuring the Common Standards are applicable to the full range of educator preparation programs approved by the Commission.

## Staff Recommendation

After discussion, the COA adopt one or more of the proposed revisions to the Common Standards to forward as a recommendation to the Commission, for information, at the August 2008 meeting.

## Working Meeting

The working meeting of the COA began at 2 pm on Thursday, June 12 and concluded for the day at 5 pm and then continued from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm on Friday June, 13, 2008. Representatives from the COA, the Accreditation Study Work Group, the Induction Standards Design Team and members of the public were in attendance. The discussion was rich and detailed over the two days.

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The working group has proposed a number of edits to the Commission's Common Standards for the COA's consideration. In addition, the group has developed the first draft of a Glossary. The Glossary would be reviewed, added to, and adopted by the COA for inclusion in both the Accreditation Handbook and the Common Standards. The proposed edits are summarized in the

table below. The adopted Common Standards with the proposed Common Standards are presented side-by-side on pages 4-7 of this insert.

**Summary of the Proposed Edits**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Edits</b>	<b>Glossary Terms</b>
1: Educational Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broke the first sentence into 2 sentences.</li> <li>• Reorganized the third sentence</li> <li>• Removed the concept of service from the standard</li> <li>• Authority was added to the language of the standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• Unit</li> <li>• Candidate</li> <li>• Scholarship</li> </ul>
2: Unit and Program Assessment System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title changed from “Evaluation System” to “Assessment System”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment System</li> <li>• Program</li> <li>• Program Completer</li> <li>• Competency requirements</li> </ul>
3: Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of “program sponsor”</li> <li>• Added “qualified” to modify “personnel” and “adequate” to “facilities”</li> <li>• Rewrote the sentence that began “Library and digital media...” to ensure its applicability to all institutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Personnel</li> <li>• Information Resources</li> </ul>
4: Instructional Personnel and Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renamed the standard to include program personnel for institutions which are not institutions of higher education.</li> <li>• Removed the concept of service</li> <li>• Added the concept of language</li> <li>• Removed the concept of rewards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship</li> <li>• Faculty</li> <li>• Instructional Personnel</li> </ul>
5: Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No edits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission Criteria</li> <li>• Added information related to admission in second tier programs</li> <li>• Multiple Measures</li> </ul>
6: Advice and Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reorganized the third sentence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional placement</li> <li>• Advice</li> </ul>
7: Field Experience and Clinical Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field-based instead of field</li> <li>• Removed “school” from in front of partners</li> </ul>	
8: District-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renamed and refocused the standard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District-employed Supervisors</li> </ul>

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employed Supervisors	on the district-employed field supervisors who work with student teachers and interns	
9: Assessment of Candidate Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changed “teachers and other professional school personnel” to simply “professional school personnel” since teachers are professional school personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment System</li> </ul>

**Next Steps:**

If the COA takes action to forward one or more recommended edits to the Commission, staff will prepare an information item for the Commission’s August 2008 meeting. The recommended edits will be presented to the Commission along with the proposed Glossary. Staff will collect stakeholder feedback on the proposed edits during August and early September 2008. Then the edits to the Common Standards would be placed on the Commission’s agenda in either October or November 2008 for adoption. The refinement of the Glossary would be the responsibility of the COA and staff would work with the Co-Chairs to ensure that this work would also be completed in fall 2008.