

Report of Program Accreditation Recommendations

March 2011

A. Programs for Approval by the Committee on Accreditation

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Clear Education Specialist Credential

Aspire Public Schools

Aspire Public Schools is a non-profit organization that currently operates 30 high-performing open enrollment charter schools throughout California with an emphasis on serving low income communities. We focus on one goal - preparing urban students for college. This is encapsulated in our motto of "College for Certain". For students with disabilities, this may include post-secondary transition to a university, community college, technical training, or other preparation for meaningful work.

Aspire Public Schools Clear Education Specialist credential will work to develop reflective Education Specialists who at the end of every day, week, month, semester and year, are in the habit of asking themselves, "What worked? What didn't work? What can I do about that?" Because most of this work will be completed in a 1 to 1 field based setting with the new teacher's own students, one that allows the New Education Specialist to work alongside their Coach in their same authorization, they will increase the skills along the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, the California Content Standards and the California Induction Standards while becoming reflective practitioners. To ensure best practices related to IDEA, Aspire new teachers will be supported in the attainment of knowledge and skills to meet procedural requirements and the diverse learning needs of students in an inclusive environment.

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Authorization

National Hispanic University Bilingual – Spanish

The National Hispanic University's Bilingual Authorization/BCLAD credential provides candidates with practice and information on literacy, content and cultural aspects needed for bilingual and dual immersion programs. The program is designed for maximum flexibility to allow completion at the preliminary or post credential stages in order to meet the growing demand for teachers who possess expertise to teach in a bilingual, culturally, and linguistically diverse classroom.

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Preliminary Single Subject Teacher Intern Credential

Pacific Technology School – Orange County, Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation

The Magnolia Teacher Intern Program is an alternative teacher training program for the certification of Single Subject teachers in small, innovative school environments. Teacher candidates who are selected for the program will earn full-time or part-time (not to be less than 50%) salaries and benefits as teachers in Magnolia charter school classrooms while pursuing preliminary professional credentials. The Magnolia Intern Program is a 22 month professional development teacher preparation program developed by the Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation, a public benefit not-for-profit corporation and charter management organization

(CMO), in collaboration with Pacific Technology School-Orange County, a California public charter school

B. Notification about the Transition of Professional Preparation Program(s)

The items listed below are for notification purposes only. No action is needed.

At each meeting, this section of the Program Approval item will update the COA as to what programs have transitioned to recently updated standards.

General Education MS/SS Clear Credential

California Lutheran University

C. Program(s) of Professional Preparation Moving to Inactive Status

The items listed below are for notification purposes only. No action is needed. To re-activate the program, the institution must make a formal request to the COA which must take action. The inactive program will be included in the accreditation activities in a modified manner as determined by the COA (Accreditation Handbook, Chapter 3.)

University of California, Berkeley

Reading Specialist Credential Program, effective February 13, 2008.