

Common Standard 2: Unit and Program Assessment and Evaluation October 2012

Introduction

When the Commission's Common Standards were reviewed, revised, and updated in 2007 the standard with the most significant modification was Common Standard 2: *Unit and Program Assessment and Evaluation*. A webcast was held in October 2008 to support institutions to begin to implement the revised standard. Over the past three years, the accreditation site visits reports presented to the COA have confirmed that the Common Standard is the standard most often found to be Met with Concerns or Not Met. This agenda item provides an update on the technical assistance work related to Common Standard 2.

Staff Recommendation

This is an information item.

Background

The Commission adopted slight revisions to its nine Common Standards at the November 2008 meeting (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2B.pdf>). These revisions were developed to ensure that the Common Standards appropriately address all the types of institutions eligible to sponsor educator preparation programs in California. All institutions hosting accreditation site visits beginning in the 2009-10 year were required to meet the Commission's nine Common Standards as adopted in November 2008.

Based on the information gathered from the accreditation site visits over the past three years, the refined understanding of Common Standard 2 and the Guidance document developed by the COA, a webinar on Common Standard 2 has been developed. Information from recent COA agenda items and discussions frame the webinar.

- June 2012: Discussion of Common Standard 2: Guidance for Teams <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2012-06/2012-06-item-20.pdf>
- April 2012: Discussion of Common Standard 2: Recommendation of Removal of Stipulations for Institutions with Not Met or Met with Concerns, <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2012-04/2012-04-item-20.pdf>

The webcast will be available after the October 2012 COA meeting. Once the presentation has been finalized, notification will be sent to the stakeholders. Institutions will be encouraged to access the webinar to better understand the language in Common Standard 2, how to design and implement a unit improvement system that meets the standard and how to collect evidence to demonstrate that the standard is met.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to work with institutions, accreditation team leads, and team members to understand the Standard.