

Update on Technical Assistance Activities

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Overview of this Report

This item provides an update on staff efforts to provide technical assistance to the field on the various changes adopted by the Commission to strengthen and streamline the accreditation system.

Staff Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is needed at this time.

Background

The Commission's strengthening and streamlining project began in 2014 and has since yielded numerous policy and procedural changes thus far which resulting in a new *Accreditation Framework* and a new *Accreditation Handbook* with significantly changed procedures and expectations for the 7 year accreditation cycle.

In June 2015, the Commission adopted a plan for moving forward with the development and implementation of the revised accreditation system. This plan included creating a transition year during 2016-17 to provide institutions with time to consider and implement revisions to their programs to align with the new requirements, standards, and expectations and to allow time to engage in extensive technical assistance provided by Commission staff.

Technical Assistance Activities

As of this writing, staff has posted technical assistance 8 webcasts and provided 43 technical assistance events. [Webcasts](#) are on the following topics:

- General Education Induction Standards
- Overview of the New Accreditation System
- Common Standards and Common Standards Submission Requirements
- Preliminary General Education (MS/SS) Standards
- Teaching Performance Expectations
- Preconditions
- Program Review for Preliminary and Initial Programs
- Program Review for Induction (Teacher and Administrator) Programs

When registering for technical assistance events, participants were directed to watch the appropriate webcast prior to attending to assure common knowledge and allow technical assistance to focus on needs of attendees and collaboration with colleagues rather than general overview.

Most of the technical assistance events have been held in person at regional locations. More than 1,850 institutional representatives have participated. The table below summarizes the technical assistance provided thus far.

Date	Topic	Location
August 17, 18, 23, 26, 29	Transition Plan for Preliminary General Education	Zoom Meetings
September 13, 14	Green Cohort: Common Standards, Preconditions	CTC, Brandman
September 26, 27 (2), October 4(2), 5	Preliminary General Education Standards	Fresno Pacific CTC St. Mary's Claremont CSU Northridge National (La Jolla)
September 28, 29, 30 October 17, 19, November 2	General Education Teacher Induction Standards	Los Angeles County Office of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, Merced County Office of Education, Davis Joint Unified School District, New Haven Unified School District (Union City), San Bernardino City School District
October 4, 18, 19	General Education Standard 3: Implications for Intern Programs	CSU East Bay LACOE Cal Poly Pomona
October 7	CalAPA	CAPEA Conference
October 12-14	Overview of Accreditation System Transitioning to Induction Basics for Intern Programs Preliminary and Clear Administrative Services Standards	CCAC (8 sessions)

Date	Topic	Location
October 19-21	Overview of the New Accreditation System	Deans Meeting and Session at CCTE Conference
November 16 January 18	Program Review: Preliminary Programs in Yellow Cohort Institutions	CTC Loyola Marymount
November 18 January 13	Program Review: Induction Programs in Yellow Cohort Institutions	CTC Loyola Marymount
January 19(2)	Site Visit Preparation: Green Cohort	CTC Brandman
January 24	Teacher Induction: Support for New Standards Implementation	LACOE (additional dates and locations scheduled for spring)
January 25	Year 5 of the Accreditation Cycle: Submission Requirement for Program Review and Common Standards	St. Mary's (additional dates and locations scheduled for spring)

Approximately 30 additional technical assistance events are planned for January through May, 2017. They will be posted on the Commission's [Accreditation Technical Assistance webpage](#) and include the following topics:

- Additional Meetings for Teacher Induction (5)
- Additional Meetings for Year 5 Submission Requirements (8)
- Program Reviewer Training and Review (4)
- BIR Training (number TBD)
- Annual Data Submission (number TBD)
- Common Standards Reviewer Training and Review (3)
- Team Lead Training (1-2)
- Cal TPA (number TBD)
- Cal APA (number TBD)
- Cohort Specific "Check-In" (7)

Members of the COA are invited to participate in any of the technical assistance meetings.