

Discussion of Recent Changes to Standards and Preconditions February 2017

Overview of this Report

This item provides an update on the timeline for implementation of 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 resulting in a new *Accreditation Framework* (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-files/accred-framework-2016-02.pdf>) and a new *Accreditation Handbook* (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-handbook.html>) with significantly changed procedures and expectations for the 7 year accreditation cycle. Also as a part of the strengthening and streamlining project, work was being completed on the revision of program standards for multiple programs as well as the Common Standards and preconditions.

In June 2015, the Commission adopted a plan for moving forward with the development and implementation of the revised accreditation system. (See agenda item 5B <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2015-06/2015-06-5B.pdf>) and at the August 2015 Commission meeting, a proposed plan to transition to the newly revised accreditation system was approved. (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2015-08/2015-08-3D.pdf>). 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.

As a result, during the past year, staff has been engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive technical assistance plan to assist institutions in adjusting and adhering to the requirements of the revised 7-year Accreditation Cycle and the newly adopted standards. Included in the table below is an overview of the current transition activities. Listed with each transition activity is the applicable Program Sponsor Alert (PSA), as well as the due date and date of full implementation.

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Credential Area	PSA	Key Dates		Full Implementation Date
Multiple Subject/ Single Subject	15-07	March 31, 2017	Transition Plan due	September 1, 2017
Teacher Induction	15-08 , 17-01	June 30, 2016 February 15, 2017 April 17, 2017	<p>Transition Plan for General Education Induction and Clear programs was due</p> <p>Notification to the Commission is required for programs that offer both the General Education Induction programs and the Special Education Induction programs and for which the transition plan already submitted to the Commission for General Education induction reflects the same general changes that will be required for their Special Education program.</p> <p>Clear Education Specialist Induction Transition Plan is due only if the previously submitted General Education Transition Plan does not apply to the Special Education Induction program.</p>	<p>General Education: September 1, 2017</p> <p>Special Education: September 1, 2018</p>
Administrative Services Credential	16-07	September 1, 2015 September 1, 2018	<p>Preliminary Administrative Services: Transition completed</p> <p>Candidates who enrolled in a program based on the 2001 preliminary/ Tier I program standards before August 31, 2015 have until September 1, 2018 to complete that program.</p> <p>Clear Induction:</p>	See Cohort Map and Administrative Services Credential Web page

Credential Area	PSA	Key Dates		Full Implementation Date
		July 1, 2017	Candidates who enrolled in a program based on the 2001 clear/Tier II program standards before June 30, 2015 have until July 1, 2017 to complete that program	
		December 30, 2016	Red, Green, Indigo & Violet Program Review was due	
		October 15, 2017	Yellow Cohort Program Review due	
		October 15, 2018	Orange Cohort Program Review due	
Common Standards	15-06	July 1, 2016 – July 1, 2017	All Commission-approved institutions transition to new Common Standards	July 1, 2017
General Preconditions	16-14	March 31, 2017	Green Cohort Preconditions due	Years 1 and 4 of accreditation cycle See Cohort Map
		March 31, 2017	Yellow & Violet Cohort Preconditions due	
		March 31, 2018	Orange & Indigo Cohort Preconditions due	
		March 31, 2019	Blue & Red Cohort Preconditions due	