

## Update on Accreditation Activities for Spring 2018 February 2018

### Overview of this Report

The new accreditation system requires that the Commission staff, members of the Board of Institutional Review, and institutions be engaged in accreditation activities throughout a 7 year cycle. This report presents to the COA a summary of the activities taking place during Spring 2018.

### Background

The Commission’s accreditation system is a complex web of activities to ensure that programs are adhering to the state adopted educator preparation standards and offering high quality programs to ensure well prepared educators. The 7 year cycle includes the following components:

- Year 1 – Submission and Review of Preconditions  
Annual Data Submission
- Year 2 – Annual Data submission
- Year 3 – Annual Data submission
- Year 4 – Submission and Review of Preconditions  
Annual Data Submission
- Year 5 – Submission and Review of Common Standards  
Submission and Review of Program Standards  
Annual Data Submission
- Year 6 – Accreditation Site Visit  
Annual Data Submission
- Year 7 – Follow Up (address stipulations and/or concerns)  
Annual Data Submission

A summary of each of the activities occurring in spring 2018 follows:

### Submission of Preconditions Due Date: March 2018

| Institution                                        | Institution               |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Indigo Cohort</b>                               |                           |
| Argosy University                                  | Placentia Yorba Linda USD |
| Azusa Pacific University                           | Sacramento COE            |
| Baldwin Park USD                                   | San Diego USD             |
| Brandman University                                | San Dieguito UHSD         |
| Brentwood Union SD                                 | San Joaquin COE           |
| California State Polytechnic University,<br>Pomona | San Jose USD              |
| Central USD                                        | San Ramon Valley USD      |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CSU Chico                                                | Santa Monica Malibu USD         |
| CSU Bakersfield                                          | Stockton USD                    |
| CSU Long Beach                                           | Teachers College of San Joaquin |
| CSU San Marcos                                           | Tracy USD                       |
| Green Dot Public Schools                                 | University of Redlands          |
| High Tech High                                           | University of San Francisco     |
| Humboldt State University                                | Ventura COE                     |
| Lancaster School District                                | Visalia USD                     |
| Madera USD                                               | Vista USD                       |
| Mount St. Mary's University                              | West Covina USD                 |
| Pasadena USD                                             | Westside Union USD              |
| <b>Orange Cohort</b>                                     |                                 |
| San Marcos USD                                           | Kings COE                       |
| Academy of Art University                                | The Master's University         |
| Association of California School Administrators          | Merced Union HSD                |
| Alhambra USD                                             | Milpitas USD                    |
| Anaheim Union HSD                                        | Modesto City Schools            |
| Aspire Public Schools                                    | Paramount USD                   |
| Azusa USD                                                | Rialto USD                      |
| California Baptist University                            | San Jose State University       |
| California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo | Santa Barbara CEO               |
| CalState TEACH                                           | SIA Tech                        |
| Chapman University                                       | St Mary's College of California |
| Conejo Valley USD                                        | Sweetwater UHSD                 |
| CSU Sacramento                                           | UC Santa Barbara                |
| El Rancho USD                                            | University of LaVerne           |
| Fontana USD                                              | University of Phoenix           |
| Fremont USD                                              | University of the Pacific       |
| Hayward USD                                              | West Contra Costa USD           |
| Keppel USD                                               |                                 |

**Submission of Common Standards: Yellow Cohort  
Due Date: February 28, 2018**

| <b>Institution</b>          | <b>Institution</b>           |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anaheim City SD             | Rowland USD                  |
| Biola University            | Saddleback Valley USD        |
| Capistrano USD              | San Diego Christian College  |
| Ceres USD                   | San Diego State University   |
| Clovis USD                  | San Gabriel USD              |
| CSU Northridge              | Santa Clara University       |
| CSU Stanislaus              | Santa Clara USD              |
| Etiwanda SD                 | Santa Cruz COE               |
| Fremont UHSD                | Shasta COE                   |
| Fresno Pacific University   | Sonoma COE                   |
| Greenfield Union SD         | South San Francisco USD      |
| Lodi USD                    | Stanislaus COE               |
| Loyola Marymount University | Summit Public Schools        |
| Napa COE                    | Touro University             |
| Ontario-Montclair SD        | Walnut Valley USD            |
| Panama-Buena Vista Union SD | Western Governors University |
| Pomona USD                  | Whittier College             |
| Riverside USD               | William Jessup University    |

**Accreditation Site Visits: Green Cohort**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Institution</b>        |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Jan 30-Feb 1   | Madera COE Site Visit     |
| Feb. 5-7       | Antioch USD SV            |
| Feb. 13-15     | San Mateo-Foster City     |
|                | Simpson University        |
| Feb. 25-28     | Los Angeles COE           |
| Feb 26-28      | Garden Grove USD          |
| Feb 27-March 1 | Hacienda La Puente USD    |
| Mar. 4-7       | Mills College             |
| Mar 5-7        | Fairfield Suisun USD      |
|                | Montebello USD            |
| Mar. 12-15     | Tulare COE                |
| Mar 18-20      | Westmont College          |
| Mar. 19-21     | La Mesa Spring Valley USD |
| Mar 20-22      | San Diego COE             |

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| April 8-11     | Notre Dame de Namur University |
| April 9-12     | San Juan USD                   |
| April 16-18    | Newark USD                     |
|                | Santa Ana USD                  |
| April 17-19    | Fresno COE                     |
| April 22-25    | CSU San Bernardino             |
| April 23-25    | Saugus USD                     |
| April 29-May 2 | CSU East Bay                   |
| April 30-May 3 | CSU Channel Islands            |

### **Staffing Reviews and Site Visit Teams**

Because the new system requires significant work to be done in Year 5, it is necessary to secure Team Leads and Common Standards reviewers, who will serve on the site visit team for the institution for which they have been assigned to review the Common Standards submission, well in advance. Efforts are well underway to assign consultants, team leads, and Common Standards reviewers for the Yellow Cohort, institutions that will have site visits in 2018-19. This is a complex and time consuming undertaking, especially considering the number of factors that must be considered in assigning appropriate individuals for each task. With 36 site visits in 2018-19, it will require 36 Team Leads and approximately 50 additional Common Standards reviewers to complete the work involved in reviewing the Common Standards for the Yellow Cohort.

### **Planning BIR Training**

The new system builds in training to both the Common Standards review process as well as the Program Review process. All reviewers who participate in these activities are trained and provided support in understanding and reviewing standards (program and common) submissions that rely on evidence from the institutions rather than on lengthy narratives. Reviewers with program expertise work in pairs to review the required evidence that is submitted to make determination as to whether standards are preliminarily aligned or need additional information.. This review is formative in nature, providing programs with feedback informing them about potential areas of concern leading into the site visit. This creates transparency for the institution and allows ample time for addressing any issues that arise during the Program Review and/or Common Standards Review without negative impact on the final accreditation decision. The major benefit of these activities are that the reviews are conducted with the reviewers face to face in a dedicated time such that the reviews have been extremely efficient, a subgroup of whom will be on the Site Visit team. Scheduling a large number of these reviews is challenging, but again, the result is that there is efficiency in the reviews and they are completed months in advance of the site visit, giving institutions time to address the areas in need of additional information.

The last part of the BIR training that must take place is training for the site visit itself. Modules have been recorded that participants will be required to review prior to attending a two day face to face training. At this time, the content for the in-person portion of the training is still in

development and the first face to face training will take place summer 2018. Staff will devote considerable time this spring to the development of this face to face site visit training.

**Next Steps**

Staff will continue to work on the many aspects of the accreditation system.