

Report of Program Accreditation Recommendations August 2020

Overview

This report provides a summary for institutions requesting approval for new programs.

Staff Recommendation

That after discussion with the program sponsors and after review of the BIR review of the program as well as documentation from the institution submitting the proposal, the Committee on Accreditation grants initial accreditation for the following programs.

Adding Intern Pathway to Existing Education Specialist- Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Credential Program

California State University, Fresno

Fresno State University is currently approved to offer a traditional Education Specialist- Deaf and Hard of Hearing credential program. In response to candidates' request and the lack of Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs in northern California, Fresno State University proposes to offer a Deaf and Hard of Hearing intern pathway to supplement the student teaching model that they currently run to help with the need for more DHH teachers in northern California. Fresno State University has had several requests for an intern program and believes that such a program would help attract more local residents into their teaching program. The intern program will closely follow the current student teaching model offered by Fresno State University, with interns taking the same courses as the candidates in the student teaching model.