Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors
University of Antelope Valley
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Overview

This report consists of a recommendation made for the initial approval of a professional preparation program for an institution that recently received Provisional Approval as a new program sponsor in California. The University of Antelope Valley (UAV), an institution of higher education, received Provisional Approval by the Commission at its October 2020 meeting (see [Agenda Item 2G](#)). UAV, as part of Stage IV of the Initial Institutional Approval process, now seeks approval from the COA to offer a Preliminary Single Subject program in the credential areas of Math and Science.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that after discussion with the program sponsor, review of the Board of Institutional Review (BIR) team members' feedback, and review of the Stage IV documentation, the COA grant initial program approval to UAV's proposed Preliminary Single Subject program. Should the COA approve the program, the program may begin operating and, in accordance with Commission action to grant the institution provisional status at the conclusion of Stage III, a site visit will be scheduled in approximately two years.

Background

The Commission requires that an institution seeking to offer new educator preparation program(s) must first be approved for initial accreditation as a new program sponsor and must do so by completing the Commission's Initial Institution Approval (IIA) process. At the December 2015 meeting, the Commission approved a new IIA process requiring the satisfactory completion of five approval stages as part of the Strengthening and Streamlining of the Accreditation system project. Updates to the IIA process were subsequently approved during the February 2017 meeting. A chart detailing the five stages of the IIA process is provided on the last page of this item.

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The University of Antelope Valley has completed the first three stages of the Initial Institutional Approval process as follows:

Stage	Date
Stage I: Prerequisites	April 2017 – Attended Accreditation 101
Stage II: Eligibility Requirements	June 2018 (Agenda Item 4B) – Granted Eligibility by the Commission
Stage III: Preconditions & Common Standards	October 2020 (Agenda Item 2G) – Granted Provisional Approval by the Commission

UAV's responses to the Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject Program Standards were reviewed by a team of Board of Institutional Review (BIR) members who collaborated on the feedback and found all standards to be **Met.** Both the reviewers' Report of Findings and the institution's Stage IV submission can be found at the bottom of the UAV's accreditation webpage.

Institution Summary

The University of Antelope Valley proposes to offer a Preliminary Single Subject program, in the credential areas of Math and Science, to serve the community and surrounding areas of the Antelope Valley. The proposed program will be designed to meet the needs of teacher candidates while providing a quality program in less than 18 months. The program includes foundational elements in educational theory and human learning theory and the social, cultural, philosophical, and historical foundations of education while supporting a diverse student population. In addition to foundational courses, the program includes elements in classroom management, subject-matter pedagogy, instructional design, and assessment methods. Teacher candidates will be placed in fieldwork classroom settings with the supervision and guidance of a master teacher, fieldwork supervisor, and program staff. Throughout the program, students will be monitored and supported by program staff and faculty to meet the CalTPA requirements and progress through the credentialing process.

Five Stages of the Initial Institutional Approval Process

University of Antelope Valley (UAV) is seeking initial program approval as indicated in the Stage IV column of the chart below.

IIA Process	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV	Stage V
Action	**Prerequisites**	**Eligibility Requirements**	**Preconditions & Common Standards**	**Program Standards**	**Provisional Site Visit**
Purpose	Ensures legal eligibility of institution in California. Ensures institution understands requirements of Commission's accreditation system	Ensures that institution has capacity to sponsor effective programs	Ensures institution meets all relevant preconditions Ensures institution meets all Common Standards	Ensures all proposed programs meet all relevant program standards	Program operates for 2-4 years and hosts a provisional accreditation site visit
Requirements	Institution must: 1. Have legal eligibility 2. Attend Accreditation 101 with institutional team	Submit responses to: • 12 Eligibility Criteria	Submit responses to: • Preconditions • Common Standards	Submit responses to: • Program Standards	Institution must: • Collect data • Host provisional site visit
Reviewed By	Staff	Staff	Preconditions: Staff Common Standards: BIR	BIR	Site Visit Team and COA
Authority	Staff	Commission	Commission	COA	Commission
Decision	Determine Eligibility for Stage II	Eligibility: 1. Grant 2. Deny	Provisional Approval: 1. Grant 2. Deny	Program(s): 1. Approve 2. Deny	1. Grant Full Approval 2. Grant Full Approval, Remand to COA to Address Stipulations 3. Continue Provisional Status for 1 Year to Address Stipulations 4. Deny
IIA Status*	Not Approved	Not Approved	Provisional Approval**	Provisional Approval***	Full Approval

*At conclusion of stage   **Institutionally approved but cannot offer programs   ***May begin offering approved programs