

## Discussion with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation August 2022

### Overview

The COA will be joined by Christopher Koch, President of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); Malina Monaco, Vice President of Accreditation, CAEP; and Tim Finklea, Vice President for Membership Engagement and Board Services, CAEP. CAEP leadership will be discussing the revised CAEP standards and their alignment with the Commission's adopted standards.

### Background

Institutions that seek to offer an educator licensure program in California must be accredited by the Commission. Institutions may also choose to seek national accreditation through one of the Council for the Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognized accrediting bodies for educator preparation. There are two of these accrediting bodies: the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP).

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation has recently revised its preparation standards. Information about the revision process and CAEP's revised standards is available here: [CAEP 2022 Standards](#). Institutions seeking both CAEP accreditation and state accreditation may undergo a joint accreditation visit. The Commission has long had a partnership with CAEP and its predecessor (NCATE). The purpose of these joint visits is to make it as easy as possible for institutions seeking both national state accreditation to do so simultaneously and reduce the number of duplicative activities by streamlining the sharing of information and documentation between the CAEP and Commission teams. To facilitate these visits, the Commission and CAEP have utilized crosswalks to assist programs and review teams in understanding where and how the Commission's Common Standards are aligned to the CAEP standards.

Additionally, the Commission is in the process of reviewing its partnership with CAEP and any revised language will be brought before the COA at its October 2022 meeting. The current state partnership is available here: [Commission- CAEP Partnership Agreement](#).

### Staff Recommendation

This is an information item.

### Next Steps

No further action is needed at this time.