

Report of Actions Taken by Dominican University of California to Address Precondition Stipulation

Overview

This item provides information on the actions taken by Dominican University of California (Dominican) to address Intern Precondition #5a stipulation that resulted from their [March 2024 accreditation site visit](#). An [insert item](#) was presented to the Committee on Accreditation (COA) at its May 2024 meeting along with the accreditation site visit report. In that item, staff noted that Dominican has put processes in place to address the unmet precondition, but verification of implementation remained. Thus, this item summarizes the information provided at the May 2024 COA meeting in addition to the most recent evidence addressing this precondition.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the COA accept the information provided by Dominican and remove the precondition stipulation.

Background

Dominican held its accreditation site visit March 17 – 20, 2024. The accreditation status granted to Dominican at the May 2024 COA meeting was **Accreditation with Major Stipulations**. Among the stipulations placed on Dominican was one specific to Intern Precondition 5a which stated:

That within 30 days, the institution provide evidence for the Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject and Preliminary Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs programs, Intern Precondition (5) Supervision of Interns (a): In all intern programs, the participating institutions in partnership with employing districts shall provide 144 hours of support and supervision annually and 45 hours of support and supervision specific to teaching English learners pursuant to California Code of Regulations §80033.

Dominican was notified on March 20, 2024 - the final date of the site visit – of the unmet status of Intern Precondition 5. Dominican submitted an initial response to the Precondition on April 19, 2024, which was reviewed by staff. That response is linked here: [Dominican's Preconditions Response](#). Dominican subsequently provided additional information right before the May 2024 COA meeting and responded to clarification questions from staff in the week that followed.

The following page summarizes Dominican's response to Intern Precondition 5a.

Next Steps

Commission staff will continue to work with Dominican in this seventh year of the accreditation cycle in preparation for the institution's March 2025 revisit. Dominican's first quarterly report will be presented to the COA at its August 2024 meeting.

Dominican's Most Recent Response to Intern Precondition 5a

Intern Precondition #5: Supervision of Interns:

- a. In all internship programs, the participating institutions in partnership with employing districts shall provide 144 hours of support and supervision annually and 45 hours of support and supervision specific to teaching English learners pursuant to California Code of Regulations §80033.*

Note: This Precondition is the same regardless of whether the program is a Preliminary Multiple/Subject program or a Preliminary Education Specialist program.

Finding: Intern Precondition 5(a) was not met at the time of the site visit. Given the finding that intern candidates are not consistently matched by the institution with a district-employed supervisor, there was not clear evidence that the hours of annual support required to be provided by the institution in partnership with employing districts are being provided. Additionally, the tracking sheets provided were those monitored by a separate entity rather than being monitored by the Department of Education at Dominican.

Dominican's response: As noted in the May 2024 COA insert item, Dominican has historically had very few intern candidates (none, one, or two per academic year). Since the site visit, Dominican created their own tracking templates to be completed by intern candidates to track support hours in response to this Precondition. The live tracking documents for each of the five interns are available in addition to other new and updated documentation on the [April 2024 Response to Intern Precondition 5\(a\) webpage](#). Additional information about the tracking of these logs and the systematization of said process was provided in the week following the May 2024 COA meeting. That information is encapsulated in the Steps to becoming a Dominican Intern Teacher document.

Also in the May 2024 insert item, it was noted that an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Piedmont Unified School District was pending – this MOU is now available as well. The MOU with North Coast School of Education was not renewed as it was determined that the intern in question was working under the Marin County Office of Education (COE) in the 2023-2024 academic year and an MOU with Marin COE was already on file.

After considering the documentation and evidence provided by the Dominican in response to this Precondition for the May 2024 COA meeting and the subsequent information provided after the meeting, Commission staff have determined that Intern Precondition 5a is now met.