



## PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Approval of the Alignment Matrix comparing the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Common Standards with the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) standards

### **Summary**

The Committee on Accreditation approved an alignment matrix between the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) standards and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Common Standards. This Program Sponsor alert provides information to Commission-approved institutions that are interested in national accreditation through AAQEP. As per the *Accreditation Framework*, an institution may seek national accreditation in conjunction with the Commission's accreditation system. National accreditation is voluntary in California for Commission-approved institutions that offer educator preparation.

### **Background**

AAQEP standards were finalized January 2018. AAQEP began conducting accreditation site visits in Spring 2019. At the June 2018 Committee on Accreditation meeting, Commission staff reported on information presented by AAQEP CEO Mark LaCelle-Peterson at the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education (NASDTEC) meeting. Then, in March 2019, an AAQEP Transition Workshop was held at California State University, Fullerton. Commission staff reported on information learned from the workshop at the Committee on Accreditation meeting also held in March 2019. Subsequently, Commission staff worked with AAQEP leaders on draft matrices that compared the Commission's Common Standards to AAQEP's standards. Staff presented a preliminary analysis of this work at the June 2019 Committee on Accreditation meeting. A side-by-side comparison of both sets of standards allowed Committee members to discuss expectations and provide feedback. Then, at the October 2019 Committee on Accreditation meeting, Commission staff presented an updated alignment matrix.

Based on the discussions and information provided in the aforementioned meetings, the Committee on Accreditation took action to approve the alignment matrix between the AAQEP standards and the Commission Common Standards.

As of the date of this PSA, no California institution has sought AAQEP accreditation. The approved alignment matrix serves as a resource for institutions that are considering becoming AAQEP-accredited. Additional information is available at the [AAQEP Website](#).

Commission staff will work with the Committee on Accreditation to begin the work of developing an agreement with AAQEP that will provide guidance regarding the parameters of a concurrent Commission-AAQEP site visit.

### **References**

[Alignment Matrix \(Adopted by the COA, October 2019\)](#)

[AAQEP Accreditation](#)

[March 2019 COA Agenda Item 22](#) – Report on AAQEP workshop

### **Sources**

[Education Code §44373](#)

[Education Code §44374](#)

### **Contact Information**

For more information on the AAQEP-Common Standards alignment matrix, please email [accreditation@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:accreditation@ctc.ca.gov). General questions regarding Common Standards or the Common Standards Response can be sent to the [Common Standards email](#).