

## Initial Program Preconditions

*The following two preconditions apply only when an institution submits an initial program proposal. The two preconditions must be submitted along with the appropriate preconditions for the type of educator preparation program being proposed.*

- (1) Demonstration of Need.** To be granted initial program accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation, the program proposal must include a demonstration of the need for the program in the region in which it will operate. Such a demonstration must include, but need not be limited to, assurance by a sample of school administrators that one or more school districts will, during the foreseeable future, hire or assign additional personnel to serve in the credential category.
  
- (2) Practitioners' Participation in Program Design.** To be granted initial program accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation, the program proposal must include verification that practitioners in the credential category have participated actively in the design and development of the program's philosophical orientation, educational goals, and content emphases.