

Information for EPPs Granted Probationary Accreditation

Accreditation Council Decision

Probationary accreditation is granted when the Accreditation Council determines that an educator preparation provider (EPP) does not meet one (1) of the CAEP Standards.

The full Accreditation Council makes all final decisions relevant to the CAEP Standards based on evidence submitted by the EPP, findings from the site team, and sufficiency of evidence for each standard, and then acts upon the recommendations from the initial and joint panel reviews. The Council pays particular attention to consistency across all of the accreditation decisions.

The Accreditation Action Report is the official record of your accreditation status and defines the areas for improvement and stipulations as well as their rationales. This report should be used to guide the provider's efforts to meet the CAEP Standards in their next review.

Consumer Information and Representation of Accreditation to the Public

CAEP requires accredited EPPs to provide consumer information to the public, including candidate performance data. Title II data must be publicly available on the website (Accreditation Policy 8.01).

When representing its accreditation to the public, an EPP must report the accreditation decision accurately, including the specific academic or instructional programs covered by the accreditation, and the address and telephone number of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation as provided on the CAEP website. The official statement to be publicly displayed on the EPP's website is provided by CAEP following the Accreditation Council action, as defined by the CAEP Communication Guidelines. (Accreditation Council Policy 8.04)

The accreditation status and term will be posted on the CAEP website at:
<http://caepnet.org/provider-search>

Annual Reports

All EPPs must submit an Annual Report each year in order to maintain accreditation or accreditation-eligibility. The report is opened for entry each year in January and EPPs are given 90 days from the date of system availability to complete the report (Accreditation Policy 6.01). Additionally, the Annual Report requires reporting on Accreditation Policy 8.01, which requires accredited EPPs to provide consumer information to the public, including candidate performance data. Title II data must be publicly available on the EPP's website.

Removing Probationary Accreditation

A decision of Probationary Accreditation requires a review of the unmet standard to be conducted 18 months from the semester of the accreditation decision. This review will be done by a small group of reviewers to ensure the standard is being met. The items under review will be the standard that was unmet, and any stipulations received by the EPP in any other met standard.

Process for removal of Probationary Accreditation:

- The EPP is granted probationary accreditation for two (2) years from the decision term.
- The EPP submits a targeted self-study report in the semester one year from the decision.
- A site team of two to three site visitors is assigned as part of a targeted site visit.
- The site team (and Accreditation Council) have access to previous accreditation decisions, including stipulation(s) and AFIs, for the standard(s) under review.
- The site team holds an electronic formative meeting and prepares a formative feedback report (FFR).
- The EPP responds to the FFR with an addendum.
- A targeted site visit is held, and site team prepares the targeted site visit report.
- The EPP responds to the targeted site visit report with a rejoinder.
- In the site visit report, the site team makes a recommendation(s) to the Accreditation Council on the standard(s) and stipulation(s):
- The case is reviewed at the Accreditation Council meeting two (2) years after the decision.
 - If the conditions leading to the unmet standard are corrected, accreditation is granted for the remainder of the accreditation term.
 - Failure to correct the conditions leading to the unmet standard results in Revocation or Denial.