University of Alaska Fairbanks among 52 Teacher Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Prep

*The UAF School of Education is now 1 of 196 providers in the U.S. meeting new, rigorous CAEP national accreditation standards to better prepare tomorrow’s teachers*

WASHINGTON – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced today that the University of Alaska Fairbanks is one of 52 providers from 27 states and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs, and is the first university in Alaska to receive this accreditation. The fall 2018 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 52 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 196 providers approved under the CAEP Teacher Preparation Standards – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Currently, more than 800 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including many previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review on five standards, which are based on two principles:

1. Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and
2. Solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

If a program fails to meet one of the five standards, it is placed on probation for two years. Probation may be lifted in two years if a program provides evidence that it meets the standard.
UAF School of Education director Amy Vinlove said the accreditation process required an enormous amount of time and dedication from faculty members. “CAEP accreditation validates the high quality of teacher preparation received by our students and our graduates,” she said. “It assures employers that UAF graduates are well-prepared to teach the children of Alaska.”

The University of Alaska Fairbanks joins 51 other providers to receive accreditation this fall, bringing the total number to 196 CAEP-accredited providers from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

The class of fall 2018 is listed below:

- Appalachian Bible College – West Virginia
- Baldwin Wallace University – Ohio
- Ball State University – Indiana
- Bethune-Cookman University – Florida
- Black Hills State University – South Dakota
- Boston College – Massachusetts
- Capella University – Minnesota
- Concordia College – New York
- Creighton University – Nebraska
- Dave & Elkins College – West Virginia
- Eastern Illinois University
- Hampton University – Virginia
- Hastings College – Nebraska
- Henderson State University – Arkansas
- John Brown University – Arkansas
- Lindsey Wilson College – Kentucky
- Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- Louisiana Tech University
- Manhattanville College – New York
- MidAmerica Nazarene University – Kansas
- Midwestern State University – Texas
- Missouri Baptist University
- Mount Saint Mary College – New York
- Northern Kentucky University
- North Greenville University – South Carolina
- Notre Dame College – Ohio
- Ohio Valley University – West Virginia
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Plymouth State University – New Hampshire
- Roosevelt University – Illinois
- Sacred Heart University – Connecticut
- Southern Arkansas University
- Southern Nazarene University – Oklahoma
- Southwestern College – Kansas
- Spring Arbor University – Michigan
- SUNY Cortland – New York
- Tennessee Technological University
- Trine University – Indiana
- Universidad de Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Bridgeport – Connecticut
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- University of Nebraska Lincoln
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Saint Joseph – Connecticut
- University of South Carolina Upstate
- Washburn University – Kansas
- Western Governors University – Utah
- Western Kentucky University
- Wilmington College – Ohio

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The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation ([www.CAEPnet.org](http://www.CAEPnet.org)) advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.