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

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The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (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.