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**[Insert Name of Local Program] among 52 Teacher Prep Programs Recognized for National Excellence in Educator Prep**

***[Local Program]*** *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 **[Local Program]** is one of 52 providers from 27 states and Puerto Rico to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The fall 2018 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/accreditation-council) resulted in 52 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 196 providers approved under the CAEP [Teacher Preparation Standards](http://caepnet.org/standards/introduction) – 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.

**[Insert local facts, data, description of the program or other accomplishments]**

**[Insert local quote]** “Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said **[Local Program Administrator].** “Our students and their families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation.”

**[Local Program]** 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 Saint Joseph – Connecticut

University of South Carolina Upstate

University of Utah

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.*