

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**STAFF NOTE**

**Action Item:**

University of Louisville: Approval of Programs

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should accept the recommendations from the Accreditation Audit Committee (AAC) to approve the initial and advanced level preparation programs at the University of Louisville.

**Rationale:**

16 KAR 5:010 outlines the role and responsibilities of the AAC. The AAC has followed the regulatory procedures.

**Action Question:**

Should the EPSB grant the Education Preparation Provider (EPP) approval for the initial and advanced preparation programs at the University of Louisville?

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028; 16 KAR 5:010

**History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** 16 KAR 5:010 identifies the requirements and processes for EPPs to demonstrate evidence of meeting standards for accreditation and program approval. EPPs may pursue state accreditation or national accreditation from an EPSB approved accreditor. The EPSB has approved the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) as national accreditors for EPPs. An EPP that seeks national accreditation is not required to also go through state accreditation, but all educator preparation programs leading to certification or rank change must be reviewed and approved by the EPSB.

***Summary:*** A CAEP Site Visitors team conducted the virtual site visit evaluation of the EPP on October 22-24, 2023.

Under CAEP guidelines, the site visitors make recommendations on Areas for Improvement (AFI) and do not recommend status on standards met or not met. The CAEP Accreditation Council, upon reviewing the accreditation materials and AFIs/Stipulations will determine if standards were met or not met and will award or not award accreditation.

**CAEP SITE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CAEP STANDARD R1/A1 CONTENT & PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE**

No AFIs noted.

CAEP STANDARD R2/A2 CLINICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND PRACTICE

No AFIs noted.

CAEP STANDARD R3/A3 CANDIDATE QUALITY, RECRUITMENT AND SELECTIVITY

No AFIs noted.

CAEP STANDARD R4/A4 PROGRAM IMPACT

No AFIs noted.

CAEP STANDARD R5/A5 PROVIDER QUALITY ASSURANCE & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

No AFIs noted.

**CAEP ACCREDITATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**

The CAEP Accreditation Council met on April 21, 2024, and made the accreditation decision and found all standards were met by the EPP at the University of Louisville for both the initial and advanced programs. A letter of approval was sent on May 9, 2024, to the institution.

**AAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

On June 26, 2024, the AAC met and reviewed both initial and advanced programs for the University of Louisville. 16 KAR 5:010 requires an EPP to submit each of its program review documents for review prior to its on-site accreditation visit. The University of Louisville submitted their programs and received written notification of the results of the program review.

Pursuant to 16 KAR 5:010, Section 10, the AAC recommends approval of the initial and advanced level educator preparation programs at the University of Louisville.

**Budget Impact:** KDE resources (staff) to facilitate the review and accreditation processes.

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