

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

Asbury University: Approval of Programs

Staff Recommendation:

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

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 Asbury University?

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. 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 April 24-26, 2022.

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.

In accordance with recent revisions to 16 KAR 5:010, an EPP that seeks national accreditation no longer has to concurrently go through state accreditation.

CAEP SITE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

The CAEP Site Team found no AFIs.

CAEP ACCREDITATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

The CAEP Accreditation Council met on October 23, 2022 and made the accreditation decision and found all standards were met by the EPP at Asbury University for both the initial and advanced programs. A letter of approval was sent on November 18, 2022 to the institution.

ACCREDITATION AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

On December 9, 2022, the AAC met and reviewed both initial and advanced programs for Asbury University. 16 KAR 5:010 requires an EPP to submit each of its program review documents for review prior to its on-site accreditation visit. Asbury University 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 Asbury University.

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

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Content Area Program Reviewers
Program Review Committee
CAEP Site Visitors
AAC

The AAC found that pursuant to 16 KAR 5:010, Section 10, the AAC recommends approval of the initial and advanced level educator preparation programs at Asbury University.

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