



Teacher Education Accreditation Council

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Dear Colleagues:

As many of you will have heard by now, the TEAC Board and NCATE Executive Board voted last Friday to approve the Design Team's recommendations to create a new organization, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and to set in motion a consolidation process which will eventually make CAEP the single national accreditor of educator preparation programs. (See the TEAC website, www.teac.org, for the announcement and press release.)

Though the Design Team's proposal, which has been posted on our website since the summer, provides considerable detail on the anticipated developments, this note is intended to reinforce some assurances that are buried in the details.

1. Your current accreditation status and accreditation option are not affected by Friday's vote; during the two-year transition period, both TEAC and NCATE will continue to operate as they currently do, and have agreed to 'grandfather' all memberships and accreditation terms when the consolidation does take place;
2. Your future accreditation options are maintained: once the consolidation does occur, institutions will continue to have the choice of the accreditation processes currently offered by TEAC and NCATE. The mechanism for this is the creation of two 'Commissions' which will conduct the accreditation work of CAEP. TEAC's options will remain available to you—and to many additional institutions across the country.
3. In addition to the two TEAC options described in the Design Team report (and in a PowerPoint presentation posted on the TEAC website), the Inquiry Brief Proposal will continue to be offered for initial accreditation.
4. We're available to answer any questions you might have; you can continue to communicate with TEAC staff at their current email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

While there will be continuity of accreditation terms, options, and processes, work will begin on some valuable new developments. In the short term, a common web-based communication/document submission site is being developed to allow for easier submission of Inquiry Brief drafts and annual reports, and for easier updating of contact information, etc. Look for updates on that in the new year. In addition, new state partnership agreements will be developed, allowing more institutions across the country access to the accreditation options that those of you who are already accredited by TEAC currently enjoy.

If you have questions about the impact of these developments on your program, please feel free to contact me (mark@teac.org or 302-690-4083) or another TEAC staff member.

All the best,

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