

November 10, 2015

Dr. Al Panu  
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Dear Dr. Panu:

I am pleased to inform you that the Selected Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) at its October 23-27, 2015 meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, decided to continue the NCATE accreditation of the Department of Education at the University of South Carolina Beaufort at the initial teacher preparation level. This accreditation decision indicates that the EPP and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. A certificate that acknowledges the educator preparation provider's (EPP's) accomplishment is enclosed with the copy of this letter that has been sent to the head of your EPP. The Commission also made a distinct decision to recognize that the EPP is moving toward target on Standard 3.

Special congratulations are in order because the Commission cited no areas for improvement relative to any of the standards. You are welcome to use the information provided in the Board of Examiners' report as you see fit.

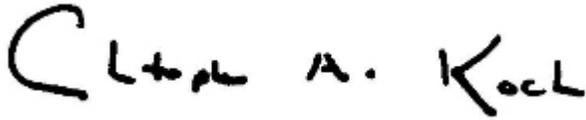
The next accreditation visit – using the CAEP standards – is scheduled for **Spring 2022**. As the transition to CAEP progresses, you will receive more information. I encourage your institution to begin now to plan for the CAEP standards and processes, and to take advantage of CAEP's capacity-building opportunities. As a first step, resources can be found on CAEP's website ([www.caepnet.org](http://www.caepnet.org)). Additional resources are the CAEP Weekly Updates, the Accreditation Manual, and the Evidence Guide.

In the meantime, institutions are asked to complete the CAEP annual report each year during the accreditation period. We ask that you keep us informed of your provider's efforts to assure that you continue to meet expectations of the standards through the annual report.

Also for your information enclosed is a copy of our Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record. This document also indicates organizations that will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement, the state agency with program approval authority has access to these documents online through CAEP's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

Congratulations again on this accomplishment. Should you have any questions regarding Commission's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Patty Garvin, Senior Director of Accreditation Operations at [patty.garvin@caepnet.org](mailto:patty.garvin@caepnet.org).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher A. Koch in black ink.

Christopher A. Koch  
President

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