



CAEP is Coming to campus November 4 - 7...and what does that mean exactly?

CAEP, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, assures quality in educator preparation programs by conducting a thorough review of programs leading to teaching certification or licensure.

Accreditation makes sure that educator programs prepare new teachers to know their subjects, their students, and have the clinical training that allows them to enter the classroom ready to teach effectively.

Accreditation provides a framework that has pushed educator preparation programs to continually self-assess and conduct evidence-based analysis of their programs and their efficacy. These evidence-based shifts, rooted in continuous improvement, are helping to ensure that preparation programs are more likely to produce successful educators.¹

To facilitate the accreditation process, CAEP developed standards by which EPPs are evaluated.

- **Standard 1. Content and Pedagogical Knowledge**

The provider ensures that candidates develop a deep understanding of the critical concepts and principles of their discipline and, by completion, are able to use discipline-specific practices flexibly to advance the learning of all students toward attainment of college- and career-readiness standards.

- **Standard 2. Clinical Partnerships and Practice**

The provider ensures that effective partnerships and high-quality clinical practice are central to preparation so that candidates develop the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions necessary to demonstrate positive impact on all P-12 students' learning and development.

- **Standard 3. Candidate Quality, Recruitment, and Selectivity**

The provider demonstrates that the quality of candidates is a continuing and purposeful part of its responsibility from recruitment, at admission, through the progression of courses and clinical experiences, and to decisions that completers are prepared to teach effectively and are recommended for certification. The provider demonstrates that development of candidate quality is the goal of educator preparation in all phases of the program. This process is ultimately determined by a program's meeting of Standard 4.

- **Standard 4. Program Impact**

The provider demonstrates the impact of its completers on P-12 student learning and development, classroom instruction, and schools, and the satisfaction of its completers with the relevance and effectiveness of their preparation.

- **Standard 5. Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement**

The provider maintains a quality assurance system comprised of valid data from multiple measures, including evidence of candidates' and completers' positive impact on P-12 student learning and development. The provider supports continuous improvement that is sustained and evidence-based, and that evaluates the effectiveness of its completers. The provider uses the results of inquiry and data collection to establish priorities, enhance program elements and capacity, and test innovations to improve completers' impact on P-12 student learning and development.

Each standard has several components, which can be accessed via <http://caepnet.org/standards/introduction>

¹ Taken from CAEP's website at <http://caepnet.org/accreditation/about-accreditation/what-is-accreditation>

To prepare for the Site Visit, the EPPC submitted a Self-Study Report with supporting evidence documents to address the ways in which each of the standards is met through course work, practicum and student teaching placements, university supports, and clinical partnerships. After receiving feedback from the Site Visit Team, an Addendum providing additional information and evidence was submitted. You can visit the Shepherd University CAEP site visit preparation page at <http://www.shepherd.edu/caep> to read these documents.

About the Teacher Education Program at Shepherd University

The Department of Education aims to facilitate the development of liberally educated teachers who demonstrate the willingness and capacity to empower students and to exercise informed choices in a global society. The program is committed to promoting social justice, embracing diversity and inclusion, and enhancing teaching and learning through technology.

Our rigorous program ensures that students have **the ability to teach and reinforces their practices through numerous teaching projects and student teaching. Classrooms are equipped with advanced technology and resources to ensure our students are trained to integrate technology in teaching.** Upon the completion of the program, our graduates will have the fundamental knowledge and the solid skills to fulfill the needs of the students in today's education.

The Education Specializations offered at Shepherd include:

Early Education

Elementary Education

Secondary Education

Art, PreK-Adult

Biology, Grades 9-Adult

Chemistry Education, Grades 9-Adult

English Education, Grades 5-Adult

Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Grades 5-Adult

General Science, Grades 5-Adult

Mathematics, Grades 5-Adult

Music, PreK-Adult

Physical Education, PreK-Adult

Social Studies, Grades 5-Adult

Spanish Education

Of Special Note

- Our program **incorporates field experiences in all professional education courses** to allow students experience teaching early in the program and choose the right career path.
- Our emphasis on **diversity and social justice, students with exceptionalities, and technology** are important components of education that are discussed and examined throughout our education courses.
- Our geographical location provides students with options for student teaching in rural, suburban and urban environments.
- Our program offers students the opportunity to explore education in a cultural setting through study abroad. Our students have partnered with organizations and traveled to Jamaica.
- Program graduates have **successfully become teachers** in West Virginia or other states such as Virginia, Maryland, California.
- Some of our alumni have been **selected as volunteers in teaching programs** organized by Teach for America or Peace Corps within United States or abroad.

To learn more about Shepherd's Education Program, visit <http://www.shepherd.edu/education>

Shepherd University CAEP webpages: <http://www.shepherd.edu/caep>

