

Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation with Stipulations

Accreditation Council Decision

Accreditation with Stipulations is granted when the Accreditation Council determines an educator preparation provider (EPP) met all standards but receives one (1) or more stipulation(s).

A stipulation is a determination by the Accreditation Council that describes one or more systemic concerns or serious deficiencies in evidence for a CAEP standard and/or component that must be remedied in order to continue accreditation.

The full Accreditation Council makes all final decisions relevant to the CAEP Standards based on evidence submitted by the EPP, findings from the evaluation team, and sufficiency of evidence for each standard, and then acts upon the recommendations from the initial and joint panel reviews. The Council pays particular attention to consistency across all accreditation decisions.

The Accreditation Action Report is the official record of your accreditation status and defines the areas for improvement and stipulations as well as their rationale. This is an information letter designed to give EPPs an overview of the accreditation process after receiving an accreditation with stipulations decision.

Consumer Information and Representation of Accreditation to the Public

CAEP requires accredited EPPs to provide consumer information to the public, including candidate performance data. Title II data must be publicly available on the website (Accreditation Policy V.1.01). When representing its accreditation to the public, an EPP must report the accreditation decision accurately, including the specific academic or instructional programs covered by the accreditation, and the address and telephone number of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation as provided on the CAEP website. The official statement to be publicly displayed on the EPP's website is provided by CAEP following the Accreditation Council action, as defined by the CAEP Communication Guidelines. (Accreditation Council Policy IV.1.18) The accreditation status and term will be posted on the CAEP website at: <http://caepnet.org/provider-search>

Annual Reports

All EPPs must submit an Annual Report each year in order to maintain accreditation or accreditation-eligibility. The report is opened for entry each year in January and EPPs are given 90 days from the date of system availability to complete the report (Accreditation Policy V.3.01).

Additionally, the Annual Report requires reporting evidence that the EPP is remediating stipulations and AFIs from the previous accreditation.

Removal of Stipulations

A decision of Accreditation with Stipulations requires a review of the stipulation to be conducted 18 months from the semester of the accreditation decision. This review will be done virtually by a small group of evaluation team members to ensure the stipulation(s) is being addressed. The only items under review will be any stipulations received by the EPP.

Process for removal of stipulations:

- The EPP submits a Stipulations Report and evidence of steps taken by the EPP to address the stipulation(s) at the beginning of the semester before their decision expires. **For your EPP, this will be due September 15, 2026 in AIMS 2.0.**
- A virtual visit between an evaluation team consisting of two or three members and the EPP is scheduled for the semester before the expiration of the two (2) year accreditation term.
- The evaluation team conducts a review of the Stipulations Report and related evidence. At the conclusion of the review the team will prepare a final report for the Accreditation Council.
- In the Stipulation Final Report, the evaluation team makes a recommendation(s) to the Accreditation Council on the progress the EPP has made on the stipulation(s).
- The case is reviewed at the Accreditation Council meeting two (2) years after the initial decision.
- If the Accreditation Council concludes that the EPP has partially corrected the identified Stipulation(s), it may, if there is evidence of significant improvement such that there are no longer serious any serious deficiencies, downgrade the Stipulation(s) to one or more AFIs, issue a decision of Accreditation, and extend the term of accreditation so that the EPP has the remainder of a full 7-year term (not more than 5 years beyond the initial 2-year Accreditation with Stipulations term) In each annual report, through the EPP's next accreditation review, the EPP must provide evidence of its efforts to address all AFIs and stipulations.

- If the Accreditation Council concludes that the EPP has partially corrected the identified Stipulation(s) but finds insufficient evidence of significant improvement such that serious deficiencies remain, the Stipulation(s) may not be downgraded to AFIs. The Stipulation(s) must be retained. The Accreditation Council may also identify 1 or more new AFIs. Using the preponderance of evidence standard of review prescribed in Policy II.5.01, the Council may issue a decision of: (1) Accreditation with Stipulations, if it finds that the EPP has met all applicable Standards; (2) Probationary Accreditation if it finds that the EPP has met all but 1 applicable Standard; or (3) Revocation of Accreditation if it finds that the EPP has not met 2 or more applicable Standards or has failed to fully comply with the requirements of this Policy or any other accreditation requirements. In each annual report, through the EPP's next accreditation review, the EPP must provide evidence of its efforts to address all AFIs and stipulations.