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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:
January 19, 2022

Resolved, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing approval to Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) for the period January 19, 2022, through March 31, 2029, with annual monitoring conducted using program data from the Connecticut Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Data Dashboard and Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) annual report, until SCSU's 2028 CAEP site visit, for the purpose of certifying graduates from SCSU in the following areas:

Program	Grades	Certification	Program Type
Art Education	PK-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Comprehensive Special Education	K-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Early Childhood	Nursery-3	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Elementary Education	K-6*	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Elementary/Bilingual Dual	K-6*	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Elementary/Special Education Dual	K-6*	Initial	Undergraduate
Physical Education	PK-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Secondary Education:			
Biology	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Earth Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
English	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
French	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
German	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Italian	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
History/Social Studies	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Physics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Remedial Reading/Language Arts	1-12	Advanced	Graduate
School Counseling	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
School Library Media	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
School Psychologist	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
Speech and Language Pathology	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
Reading/Language Arts Consultant	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate

Intermediate Administration
Superintendent of Schools

PK-12
PK-12

Advanced
Advanced

Graduate
Graduate

*Pursuant to Public Act 12-63, amended by Public Act 13-122 (Section 11), on or after July 1, 2017, an endorsement for elementary education will be issued for Grades 1-6 only to in-state graduates.

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this nineteenth day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

DATE : January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Continuing Educator Preparation Provider Program Approval: Southern Connecticut State University

Executive Summary

Introduction

Per Connecticut legislation (Special Act No. 16-22) and State Board of Education (SBE) policy, all Connecticut educator preparation providers (EPPs) must become a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) partner and become nationally accredited through CAEP. Additionally, per the SBE as of October 2021, Connecticut will use accreditation decisions based on CAEP accreditation visits to determine state continuing approval status for Connecticut EPPs. During spring 2021, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) hosted its first CAEP visit to determine continuing national accreditation and state program approval. This report provides a summary of accreditation findings and the CAEP accreditation decision for SCSU based on the spring 2021 visit, including the Commissioner's recommendation for continuing approval.

History/Background

Located in New Haven, Connecticut, SCSU is a comprehensive, public institution serving approximately 9,000 students through 242 undergraduate majors, minors, and pre-professional programs and 107 graduate degree programs across five schools. SCSU is regionally accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Three different schools on the SCSU campus—the School of Education, the School of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Health and Human Services—prepare education professionals, with the majority of educator preparation programs located in the School of Education. SCSU prepares the largest number of education professionals for teaching positions in Connecticut, offering 22 initial preparation programs and eight advanced level preparation programs. Additionally, SCSU offers multiple non-certification programs leading to a Master of Arts degree in education. SCSU educator preparation programs are currently fully approved by the SBE.

SCSU, previously nationally accredited through the now retired National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), hosted its first CAEP accreditation visit during spring 2021. Due to COVID-19, the visit was conducted virtually. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) received the CAEP Action Report ([Action Report](#)) pertaining to the spring 2021 accreditation visit on November 9, 2021. As indicated in the

report, CAEP has granted SCSU full accreditation for both initial and advanced programs for seven years, in alignment with the CAEP accreditation visit cycle, with no areas for improvement (AFIs) identified.

Recommendation and Justification

I am recommending full continuing approval for SCSU's educator preparation programs at both the initial and advanced levels for the period January 19, 2022, through March 31, 2029, due to SCSU's CAEP accreditation status based on a spring 2021 accreditation visit. Based on the CAEP seven-year visit cycle, SCSU's next CAEP accreditation visit is scheduled for spring 2028. The March 31, 2029, state approval deadline allows time for the CSDE to receive the final CAEP Action Report based on the spring 2028 visit and prepare a report for the SBE.

Additionally, the CSDE Review Committee will use data from the EPP Data Dashboard in conjunction with the CAEP Annual Report that EPPs submit each April to CAEP to monitor EPP programs between accreditation visits. The CSDE Talent Office in partnership with the CSDE Performance Office officially launched the EPP Data Dashboard during spring 2021. The CSDE continues to work with Connecticut EPP deans and program directors to finalize the monitoring system using the Data Dashboard indicators, with a target implementation date of March 1, 2022.

Follow-up Activity

If the SBE grants full approval for SCSU's educator preparation programs, the Talent Office will communicate SCSU's approval status with SCSU leadership immediately. Additionally, the Talent Office will work on finalizing the EPP monitoring system and begin training EPP Review Committee members about the new process.

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