
**Recommendations for Educator Preparation Providers (EPP) & Specialty Area Program (SAP)
Approvals**

The Background:

The Department of Education is responsible for the review of the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) (e.g., Union University) and the Specialty Area Programs (SAP) (e.g., Elementary Education K-5) offered by in-state educator preparation providers. Action recommendations made by the Department must be approved by the State Board of Education.

Steps in the review process include:

- Report prepared by the EPP that responds to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) national accreditation standards and state specialty program standards;
- On-site review conducted by an on-site review team; for national accreditation, CAEP on-site team also conducts a review;
- On-site review report submitted to the EPP;
- EPP response to the on-site review report submitted to the Department;
- Department Advisory Committee on Educator Preparation assesses EPP and on-site visit documents and reports and makes recommendations to the Department;
- Department presents recommendations to the State Board of Education; and
- CAEP accreditation/state approval comprehensive review occurs on a seven-year cycle, which may include focused reviews during the interim period.

The Department's recommendations for EPPs and Specialty Area Programs fall into one of following categories: Full Approval, Approval, Minor Stipulations, Probationary Approval, Major Stipulations, or Denial of Approval. For EPPs seeking CAEP accreditation, the accreditation status is reported.

Attached are action recommendations for EPPs and Specialty Area Programs for the following EPPs:

- Lee University
- University of Tennessee Martin
- Teach for America Memphis

Joint CAEP Accreditation/State Specialty Area Program Comprehensive Review:

Lee University

The review team concluded that the EPP meets expectations on all CAEP standards. No critical deficiencies were cited. The provider was approved, along with 24 specialty area programs.

University of Tennessee Martin

The review team concluded that the EPP meets expectations on all CAEP standards. No critical deficiencies were cited. The provider was approved, along with 26 specialty area programs.

State-only EPP and Specialty Area Program Comprehensive Review:

Teach for America Memphis

The review team concluded that the EPP meets expectations on all CAEP standards. No critical deficiencies were cited. The provider was approved, along with 17 specialty area programs.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.