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Education Receives CAEP Accreditation for Teacher Prep Program

New Orleans LA - The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has announced that Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) is one of 43 providers from 22 states and the District of Columbia which has received accreditation for their educator preparation programs.

The fall 2017 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](#) increased to 101 the total number of providers approved under the CAEP [teacher preparation standards](#)—rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Currently, more than 800 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including many previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review on five standards, which are based on two principles:

1. Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and
2. Solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

If a program fails to meet one of the five standards or required components under the standards, it is placed on probation for two years. Probation may be lifted in less than two years if a program provides evidence that it meets the standard. Providers, seeking first time accreditation, that do not meet one or more of the standards are denied accreditation.

Xavier’s Division of Education and Counseling offers programs that lead to undergraduate degrees in education, a Master of Arts, and an Ed. D. in Educational Leadership.

“Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are doing. We’ve set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates the hard work we are doing,” said Dr.

Renee Akbar, Chair & Associate Professor of Xavier University's Division of Education and Counseling. "Our students and their families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation."

Xavier joins 42 other providers to receive CAEP Accreditation in fall 2017. They join the 34 providers previously accredited. Overall, 101 preparation providers from 33 states and the District of Columbia have received CAEP Accreditation.

The CAEP class of fall 2017 is listed below.

Angelo State University (TX)	Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Avila University (MO)	Southern Adventist University (TN)
Baker University (KS)	Southern University and A&M College (LA)
Bard College (NY)	Tennessee State University
Christopher Newport University (VA)	The University of Vermont
College of Staten Island/CUNY (NY)	Thomas More College (KY)
Dallas Baptist University (TX)	University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (AR)
Fort Hays State University (KS)	University of Charleston (WV)
Franciscan University of Steubenville (OH)	University of Denver (CO)
Friends University (KS)	University of Detroit Mercy (MI)
Harris-Stowe State University (MO)	University of Florida
Howard University (DC)	University of Holy Cross (LA)
Indiana University - Bloomington	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	University of North Texas
Lyon College (AR)	University of Saint Francis (IN)
Malone University (OH)	Vanderbilt University (TN)
Montana State University-Billings (MT)	Washington and Lee University (VA)
Niagara University (NY)	Wayne State College (NE)
Northern Arizona University	Wayne State University (MI)
Northern Michigan University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Ouachita Baptist University (AR)	Youngstown State University (OH)
Roosevelt University (IL)	

About **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation**

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (www.CAEPnet.org) advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.

About Xavier University of Louisiana

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, care, and lead their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked

No.1 in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under “Great Schools, Great Prices.”

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