



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Dr. Steve Herrington, Superintendent
Sonoma County Office of Education
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Dear Superintendent Herrington:

I am writing to inform you that on May 2, 2019, the Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of *Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations* to Sonoma County Office of Education and its credential programs. On the basis of this decision, the institution is authorized to offer the following programs:

Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject Intern
Preliminary Education Specialist Intern
Preliminary Administrative Services Credential
Designated Subjects: Adult Education
Designated Subjects: Career Technical Education
Clear Teacher Induction
Clear Administrative Services Credential

Within one year, the institution must provide evidence addressing the following stipulations:

1. The institution demonstrates compliance with general precondition 5b and intern preconditions 2 and 7 within 30 days of Committee on Accreditation (COA) action. (*The institution presented information at the May 2019 COA meeting that this precondition has been addressed. Continued compliance will be confirmed at the focused revisit.*)
2. That each program in the educator preparation unit is based on sound rationale, informed by theory and research and aligned with program standards that fosters coherence among, and is clearly represented in all educator preparation programs.
3. That the educator preparation unit ensures that the program offered at satellite locations receive sufficient resources for the effective operation, including, but not limited to, coordination, admission, advisement, curriculum, professional development/instruction, field based supervision and clinical experiences.
4. That Sonoma County Office of Education may not offer the education preparation program at other satellite locations until all stipulations have been removed.
5. That the education unit monitors a credential recommendation process that ensures that candidates recommended for a credential have met all requirements.

6. That the education unit develops and implements a comprehensive continuous improvement process at both the unit level and within each of its programs that identifies program and unit effectiveness and makes appropriate modifications based on findings.
7. That the unit provide evidence that each program uses candidate performance assessment data aligned to program standards for program improvement purposes.
8. That the unit ensure that candidates have clinical practice experiences in diverse settings and that candidates have an appropriate supervisor/mentor match as required by program standards.
9. That the education preparation unit provide content and pedagogy to candidates, faculty, practicum supervisors, and mentors including learning about practicing and demonstrating the teaching performance expectations.
10. That the unit will fully transition to the 2016 Teacher Induction Standards. In doing so the unit must provide evidence that the program is grounded in individualization and growth for each candidate rather than mandatory professional development and the completion of documents.
11. That the team recommends that the institution be required to submit quarterly reports documenting how concerns and stipulations are being addressed to date.
12. That within one year, the institution be required to host a revisit with a focused revisit for the Preliminary Multiple/Single Subject Intern Program, Designated Subjects – Career Technical Education Program and the Teacher Induction Program.

In addition:

- Sonoma County Office of Education will notify all candidates in all credential programs in writing of its accreditation status.
- Sonoma County Office of Education not be permitted to propose new credential programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation until all stipulations are addressed.
- Sonoma County Office of Education continue in its assigned cohort on the schedule of accreditation activities, subject to the continuation of the present schedule of accreditation activities by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at chickey@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Jason Lea, Executive Director