

2014 EPP Annual Report

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Section 1. AIMS Profile

After reviewing and/or updating the Educator Preparation Provider's (EPP's) profile in AIMS, check the box to indicate that the information available is accurate.

In AIMS, the following information is current and accurate...

	Agree	Disagree
Contact person	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EPP characteristics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Program listings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 2. Program Completers

How many candidates completed programs that prepared them to work in preschool through grade 12 settings during Academic Year 2012-2013 ?

Enter a numeric value for each textbox.

Number of completers in programs leading to initial teacher certification or licensure

Number of completers in programs leading to a degree, endorsement, or some other credential that prepares the holder to serve in P-12 schools (Do not include those completers counted above.)

Total number of program completers 123

Section 3. Substantive Changes

Have any of the following substantive changes occurred at your educator preparation provider or institution/organization during the 2012-2013 academic year?

3.1 Changes in the published mission or objectives of the institution/organization or the EPP

No Change / Not Applicable

3.2 The addition of programs of study at a degree or credential level different from those that were offered when most recently accredited

No Change / Not Applicable

3.3 The addition of courses or programs that represent a significant departure, in terms of either content or delivery, from those that were offered when most recently accredited

No Change / Not Applicable

3.4 A contract with other providers for direct instructional services, including any teach-out agreements

No Change / Not Applicable

Any change that means the EPP no longer satisfies accreditation standards or requirements:

3.5 Change in regional accreditation status

No Change / Not Applicable

3.6 Change in state program approval

No Change / Not Applicable

Section 4. Display of candidate performance data.

Provide a link that demonstrates candidate performance data are public-friendly and prominently displayed on the school, college, or department of education homepage.

Pass rates on licensure exams, graduate and employer survey data, aggregate GPAs, employment data, retention data, mentor survey results:

<http://uafs.edu/education/teacher-candidate-performance-information>

Section 5. Candidate and Program Measures

For each required measure of program impact, program outcome, or consumer information, evidence must be provided for programs leading to initial teacher certification or licensure. CAEP encourages EPPs to provide information on the optional reporting measures as well.

Required Reporting Measures

- 5.1 Impact on P-12 learning and development
- 5.2 Results of completer surveys
- 5.3 Graduation rates
- 5.4 Ability of completers to meet licensing (certification) and any additional state requirements

Optional Reporting Measures

- 5.5 Indicators of teaching effectiveness
- 5.6 Results of employer surveys, and including retention and employment milestones
- 5.7 Ability of completers to be hired in education positions for which they have prepared
- 5.8 Student loan default rates and other consumer information

Yes, a program or programs leading to initial teacher certification is currently being offered.

REQUIRED REPORTING MEASURES

5.1 Impact on P-12 learning and development. *Report information on candidate performance during pre-service and completer performance during in-service for programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure.*

Which of the following measures of impact on P-12 student learning is the EPP using and planning to use as evidence?

Assessments	Data are available	Data are not available	
		The EPP has a plan to collect data in the next two years.	The EPP does not currently have a plan to collect data within the next two years.
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4

5.1.1 Candidate performance during pre-service

Unit and lesson plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pre-post tests of student learning	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Videos of candidate instruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate reflection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surveys of P-12 students on candidate performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State-adopted assessment(s) (specify)			
Praxis CASE, Praxis II content series, Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State-designed assessment(s) (specify)			
EPP-designed assessment(s) (specify)			
Interviews, disposition ratings, assessments designed for each SPA, portfolio defense, observation ratings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify)			
ed TPA initiated 2013-2014	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.1.2 Completer performance during in-service

Student achievement and/or learning models (e.g., value-added modeling)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EPP-designed case study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (specify)			
State data collection of value added in literacy and math	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.2 Results of completer surveys. *Report information on the satisfaction of completers of programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure.*

5.2.1. If "Disagree", go to 5.3

	Agree	Disagree
Completer survey results are available to the EPP.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.2.2 Which of the following descriptions characterize the completer survey(s) available on the preparation of the EPP? (Check all that apply.)

- The completer provides summary ratings of the EPP and its programs.
- The completer provides responses to open-ended questions about the EPP.
- The completer provides a response to questions about their preparation in at least one of the following areas:
 - Content knowledge
 - Instruction and pedagogical content knowledge
 - Teaching diverse P-12 students
 - Teaching P-12 students with diverse needs
 - Classroom management
 - Alignment of teaching with state standards
 - Family and community engagement
 - Assessment of P-12 student learning
 - Other (Specify)

5.2.3 If applicable, after a candidate completes a program, when does the EPP administer its completer surveys? (Check all that apply.)

- At the end of the program
- Between the end of the program and one year after program completion
- Between one and two years after program completion
- Between two and three years after program completion
- Between three and four years after program completion
- More than four years after program completion

5.2.4 Indicate the EPP's access to results of completer surveys and the survey response levels.

Record a response for each row.

Survey administered by	No access to data	Access to data	Number of completers surveyed	Number of responses received
EPP	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	170	28
Individual program	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	0	0
Institution or organization	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0	0
State	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	0	66
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	0	0

5.2.5 The EPP can demonstrate that the completer survey is...

	Agree	Disagree
Reliable (produces consistent results about completer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Valid (can make an appropriate inference about completer satisfaction)

A measure with a representative sample (demonstrates typical completer responses)

Inclusive of stakeholder interests

A measure that produces actionable results (provides specific guidance to the EPP for continuous improvement)



5.2.6 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on completer survey results.

5.3 Graduation rates. *Report information on enrollment and candidate progress in programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure, as of September 1, 2013.*

Enter a numeric value for each textbox.

	Academic year a candidate was first enrolled				
	AY 2012-2013	AY 2011-2012	AY 2010-2011	AY 2009-2010	AY 2008-2009
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
First Time Enrollment. The number of candidates who enrolled for the first time, during a specified academic year.					
Number of candidates who were enrolled for the first time in a program leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure	186	215	220	159	111
Progress in AY 2012-2013. The number of candidates/completers who were recommended for initial teacher certification or licensure during AY 2012-2013. List candidates according to the academic year they were first enrolled.					
Number of candidates who were recommended for a initial teacher certification or licensure during AY 2012-2013	2	22	89	8	2
<i>Example: If 15 candidates were recommended an initial teacher certification in AY 2012-2013, the numbers across the row should sum to 15 (2+10+0+2+1).</i>	2 <i>Two candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2012-2013) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	10 <i>10 candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2011-2012) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	0 <i>Zero candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2010-2011) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	2 <i>Two candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2009-2010) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	1 <i>One candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2008-2009) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>
Number of candidates/completers who were not recommended for an initial teacher certification or licensure...	2				

Continued in a program	0
Been counseled out of a program	1
Withdrawn from a program	1

5.4 Ability of completers to meet licensing (certification) and any additional state requirements. *Report information on candidate performance on state licensure tests for initial teacher certification or licensure.*

5.4.1 Assessment Pass Rates reported to Title II

	Number taking test	Average scaled score* (This value should be between 0-1.)	Number passing test	Pass rate (%)	Statewide average pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2011-2012	87	0.75	87	100	
All program completers, 2010-2011	107	0.79	107	100	

5.4.2 The EPP can demonstrate that the licensure or certification test results are...

	Agree	Disagree
Representative (demonstrates typical candidate or completer performance)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Actionable (provides specific guidance for continuous improvement)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.4.3 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on certification test results.

Agree	Disagree
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

OPTIONAL REPORTING MEASURES

5.5 Indicators of teaching effectiveness. *Report information on the availability of measures of teaching effectiveness during in-service for completers of programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure*

For which of the following measures of teaching effectiveness does the EPP have data or plan to collect data?

Record a response for each assessment (row).

Assessments	Data are available	Data are not available	
		The EPP has a plan to collect data in the next two years.	The EPP does not currently have a plan to collect data within the next two years.
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4

Completer performance during in-service

Surveys of P-12 students on completer performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School district-level teacher evaluation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Employer observations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Employer surveys	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EPP-designed case study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State value added measure in math and			

5.6 Results of employer surveys, including retention and employment milestones. *Report information on the availability of employer satisfaction data for completers employed by school districts.*

5.6.1 If "Disagree", go to 5.7

	Agree	Disagree
Employer survey results are available to the EPP.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.6.2 Which of the following descriptions characterize the employer survey(s) available? (Check all that apply.)

- The employer provides overall summary ratings of the completer.
- The employer provides responses to open-ended questions about the completer.
- The employer provides a response to questions about the completer's preparation in at least one of the following areas:
 - Collaboration with school-based colleagues and staff
 - Alignment of teaching with state standards
 - Family and community engagement
 - Content/subject matter
 - Instructional and pedagogical content knowledge
 - Development of a safe learning environment
 - Assessment of P-12 student learning
 - Teaching P-12 students with diverse needs
 - Teaching diverse P-12 students
 - Other (Specify)

5.6.3 Indicate the access the EPP has to results from employer surveys and their response levels. (Check all that apply.)

Record a response for each row.

Survey administered by	No access to data	Access to data	Number of completers surveyed	Number of responses received
EPP	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	21	21
Institution or Organization	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
School District	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
State	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Accreditation agency	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

5.6.4 The EPP can demonstrate that the employer survey is...

	Agree	Disagree
Reliable (produces consistent results about employer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Valid (can make an appropriate inference about employer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A measure with a representative sample (demonstrates typical employer responses)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusive of stakeholder interests	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A measure that produces actionable results (provides specific guidance to the EPP for continuous improvement)



5.6.5 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on employer survey results.



5.7 Ability of completers to be hired in education positions for which they have prepared. *Report on the availability of employment information for completers of programs leading to an initial teacher licensure or certification, as of September 1, 2013.*

5.7.1 If "Disagree", then go to 5.8

	Agree	Disagree
The EPP has attempted to collect data on the employment status of completers.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.7.2 What strategies have the EPP used to collect data? (Check all that apply.)

- Completer survey
- Employer survey
- Institutional or organizational department (e.g., Alumni Office) (specify)
Alumni Office; Career Services
- Collaboration with other EPPs
- Collaboration with school districts
- Collaboration with state education departments
- Contracted a consultant or organization
- Other (specify)
Faculty often contact completers to inquire their job status; completers often contact faculty directly to share their job status

5.7.3 What challenges have the EPP encountered when collecting data? (Check all that apply.)

- Low response rates
- Inaccurate reporting of employment status
- Maintaining current candidate records
- Privacy issues
- Insufficient resources
- Other (specify)
State-reported data do not always align with our records. For example, university graduates who later pursue alternative licensure are grouped with our EPP data even though they had no interaction with the EPP.

5.7.4 If "Disagree", then go to 5.8

	Agree	Disagree
The EPP has access to information on the employment status of completers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.7.5 The EPP has access to information on the employment status of completers from which of the following sources? (Check all that apply.)

- Self-report from the completer
- Third party:
 - School district
 - State department (specify)
- Other (specify)
The state department collects employment data on completers. These data are often unreliable as graduates of our university who pursue alternative licensure are listed as EPP completers.

5.7.6 Based on the EPP's available information, complete the chart below on the employment status of candidates who completed their program in Academic Year 2012-2013.

Year of program completion	Total number of completers	Number of completers with each employment status					
		Employed in a position for which they were prepared	Employed in an education position outside of their preparation	Enrolled in higher education	Employed outside of the education field	Not employed	Employment status unknown
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
AY 2012-2013	123	21		2			100

Example: If 60 candidates completed their program in AY 2012-2013, the numbers across the row should sum to 60 (17+9+8+4+2+20)

60	17	9	0	4	2	20
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5.8 Student loan default rates and other consumer information. *Report consumer information for the educator preparation provider.*

Indicate which of the following categories of consumer information the EPP has access to and publicly displays on its website. (Check all that apply.)

Record a response for each row.

Consumer information	No Access to data	Access to data	Publicly displayed data
3-year student loan default rate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Average cost of attendance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Average beginning salary of a program completer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Placement patterns of completers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Other (specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Section 6. Areas for Improvement, Weaknesses, and/or Stipulations

Summarize EPP activities and the outcomes of those activities as they relate to correcting the areas cited in the last Accreditation Action/Decision Report.

Section 7. Accreditation Pathway

Continuous Improvement. *Summarize progress toward target level performance on the standard(s) selected.*

The UAFS EPP has selected Standard 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice as a target for Continuous Improvement. The EPP initiated a site-based Professional Development School (PDS) following CAEP and NAPDS guidelines in Spring 2013. In Spring 2012, the EPP began investigation into a site for initial an PDS. The EPP determined that Van Buren School District's approach to curriculum and instruction best met its goals for candidates and in Fall 2012 the EPP held several collaborative meetings to discuss establishing a P-4 PDS at Central Elementary in the Van Buren district. The first PDS cohort began in Spring 2013, with candidates in four P-4 courses (Language and Literacy II, Integrated Curriculum II, Assessment, and Practicum II)

meeting on-site at Central. Instructors in these courses met often with the principal and teachers to determine methods and content appropriate for integrating into the teacher preparation courses. The PDS candidates attended professional development and faculty meetings, participated in clinical rounds through focused tours to observe particular instructional strategies in action, and conducted case studies on students in their clinical placement.

Establishment of the initial PDS charts the EPP's movement toward continuous improvement in clinical partnerships and practice. The PDS has enhanced partnerships through the increased communication between instructors and clinical educators. Because conversations and observations are on-going and job-embedded, the EPP instructors have integrated new content derived from interactions with clinical educators. Clinical educators have provided more accurate critiques of candidate performance, indicating improved accountability.

The PDS model has also resolved a perennial challenge of ensuring clinical educators demonstrate a positive impact on candidates. Because of the enhanced communication with PDS administration, the EPP has increased its input into mentor selection.

Clinical experiences through PDS have been enhanced through the clinical rounds and the increased time spent on the school campus. Outside of PDS, courses have been adapted to include more performance-based, clinically-focused assignments. For example, candidates report spending more than the required time at their clinical sites, candidates accompany students and educators on field trips, and candidates attend parent conferences and family nights.

The EPP continues to support the P-4 PDS and will implement a middle level PDS in Spring 2014.

Section 8: Preparer's Authorization

Preparer's authorization. *By checking the box below, I indicate that I am authorized by the EPP to complete the 2014 EPP Annual Report.*

I am authorized to complete this report.

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