

The Big Premiere: API to AERO Update #1

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Same Sweet Suite, Different Set Up

The Office of Accreditation and Program Improvement has been transformed into two offices: the Accreditation and External Reporting Office (AERO) and the Educator Preparation Office (EPO). The former API Update will now be the AERO Update and will focus on all things accreditation/assessment/external reporting (EPO will be moving forward with its own update soon...stay tuned!). We would like to use this logo and slogan, but its already taken...:



Let's get started!

Tk20 – Fall 2016

All CEHD programs are now using Tk20, the new software for key assessment submission, scoring, and storage! Access to Tk20 is via Blackboard for both students and faculty.

What?? I just opened my Blackboard course and didn't see any "Tk20 link"??!

Remain calm. You are not alone. We are still working on setting up the links. Once the links have been set up for your course, you will receive an email from Tk20help@gmu.edu. Read this email carefully before touching the Tk20-related link in your course.

Will there be any Tk20 Training?

Yes! Our Tk20 representatives are returning to campus to provide training and to point out a few Tk20 upgrades. Faculty should plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

Wednesday, September 7, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Fairfax campus, Thompson Hall 2007/2008

Wednesday, September 7, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Fairfax campus, Thompson Hall 2007/2008

Thursday, September 8, 3:00pm-4:30pm, Science & Technology campus, Location TBD

Since access to Tk20 is via Blackboard for both students and faculty, a Mason Blackboard representative will be joining the day trainings to provide any Blackboard assistance.

I went to the last training, should I go to this one?

Since Tk20 has upgraded some of their features, it would be useful to go.

I can't make any of these training times, what can I do?

Every semester we are learning how to make the Tk20 experience more seamless and painless. More information and updates about Tk20 can be found at the following links:

CEHD Tk20 Website: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/api/tk20>

CEHD Tk20 Student FAQs: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/api/tk20/student-directions/faqs>

CEHD Tk20 Faculty FAQs: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/api/tk20/faculty-directions/faqs>

Questions? Email tk20help@gmu.edu.

All APCs: If you have not sent your fall 2016 Tk20-related rubrics to Adrienne, or if you have questions about what rubric links will be posted in your courses, please contact Adrienne at asulli11@gmu.edu.

SPA Resubmissions Fall 2016

For SPA-Related Academic Program Coordinators: For programs that are uploading their SPA Program Resubmissions this fall, please contact Adrienne Sullivan at asulli11@gmu.edu to schedule your report upload. Adrienne also has a final checklist for you to review to ensure that you are ready for this final step.

Next Steps: CAEP Accreditation

The following working groups are being formed to ensure that all CEHD's educator preparation programs fully meet the CAEP standards:

CAEP Standards 1 & 2 Working Group – Initial Programs

CAEP Standards 1 & 2 Working Group – Advanced Programs

CAEP Standard 3 Working Group

CAEP Standard 4/Surveys Working Group

CAEP Standard 5/Calendar Year Review Process Working Group

Once these working groups are formed, we plan to have them each meet quickly as an introduction, then arrange a CAEP-related retreat for all. Stay tuned...