

## What a Semester...

The Accreditation and External Reporting Office (AERO) has now been in full swing since the beginning of fall 2016. Our big event (so far) this semester has been our renewed focus on CAEP Accreditation.



## CAEP Accreditation Launches with CAEP Man!

**Who is this guy?** CAEP man is the guy who will inspire us to prepare a **CAEP Self Study report** that presents, through clear and comprehensive evidence and plans, how we meet the CAEP standards. All CEHD programs that prepare candidates to work in schools fall under the accreditation of the Council for the Accreditation Preparation (CAEP).

## What must be included in the CAEP Self Study?

We must provide evidence and narrative on how we are meeting or addressing the **CAEP standards**. CAEP has created separate standards for Initial Programs (so that's ECE, ELEM, ESL, FL, PHED, SEED, SPED General, SPED Adapted, SPED VI, Theatre Education) and Advanced Programs (ASTL, C&D, EDLE, Ed Psych, ITS, Literacy, MEL, TTCH). The initial programs standards can be found at <http://caepnet.org/standards/introduction> with the details of each standard listed on the left (Note: CAEP does not distinguish that these standards are for initial programs). The advanced program standards are found at <http://caepnet.org/standards/standards-advanced-programs>. Read them for fun!

## How are we collecting the evidence that we are meeting/addressing the CAEP standards?

We have created CAEP Working Groups and each one is awesome! At the beginning of this semester, we invited faculty and staff representing all CAEP-related programs and administrative units to participate in our CAEP accreditation by serving on one of the following **Working Groups**:

- 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

The members of these Working Groups not only work to identify and collect our evidence, but they also serve as the feedback loop between their Working Group and their program. It is critical that all CAEP-related faculty, staff and candidates are informed and involved in our CAEP accreditation. Do you know who your program rep is on a CAEP Working Group? Find out!

## What's the timeline for this CAEP accreditation cycle?

From today, this is CAEP man's plan of action:

- Now through Fall 2017: Working Groups Collect Evidence & Create Plans for Evidence
- Fall 2017: Write Narrative in support of Evidence
- Spring 2018: Submit Self Study Report to CAEP & Begin On-Site Fall 2018 Visit Preparation
- Within 60 Days of Self Study Report Submission: Receive CAEP Formative Review Report
- Within 30 Days of CAEP Formative Review Report: Prepare and Submit CEHD Response to CAEP Formative Review Report
- Fall 2018: On-Site Visit: Recommendations Only – Must Await next CAEP Board Meeting
- Day After Visit: Start all over again! Yippee!

**What if I want to know more about CAEP?**

Thank you for your enthusiasm! **Visit CAEP's website!** It is a little overwhelming, but a good place to start at <http://caepnet.org/>. The Accreditation Handbook at <http://caepnet.org/accreditation/caep-accreditation/caep-accreditation-resources> will essentially be our guide as we prepare our evidence and Self Study Report.

**Finally, we want to spread the CAEP word.** CAEP Man and our Working Groups cannot do it all themselves. Help us make sure that all members of our CAEP-related community are aware and accurately informed about CAEP; that includes faculty, adjunct faculty, university supervisors, mentor teachers, clinical faculty, advisors, administrators, staff, and student/candidates, as well as external partners (principals, advisory council representatives, employers, etc). CAEP should be discussed in program and division meetings, external partnership meetings, in courses, advising sessions, and training sessions.

**Feel free to contact Adrienne Sullivan** at [asulli11@gmu.edu](mailto:asulli11@gmu.edu) if you have any questions, or would like Adrienne to come to any meeting to share information about CAEP! Adrienne will be happy to share her knowledge and CAEP resources with you.

