

## **NCATE Reaccreditation Visit, November 3-5, 2013**

The visit is over, but the work continues! As the dean wrote in his November 5<sup>th</sup> message to the CEHD community, “The [NCATE Board of Examiners] team, in their exit interview, reported that they are recommending to the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board that we have met Standard II (Unit Assessment System) without any conditions or areas of improvement.” We could not have gotten better news, but this was due in fact to the great collective effort of CEHD faculty and staff. Well done to all!

*If formally approved, what happens next for CEHD?*

If this recommendation is approved by the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board next Spring 2014, we will receive accreditation for seven years from our initial visit in Fall 2011. **This means our next review would be in Fall 2018, therefore the Institutional Report would need to be submitted in approximately Spring 2018 under the new Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) standards.**

*CAEP? What is CAEP?*

As of July 1, 2013, CAEP is now the sole specialized accreditor for education preparation; NCATE and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) merged to become CAEP. Once CAEP was created, new standards were drafted, and adopted. CEHD will be conducting a review of the [new CAEP standards](#) to ensure that we are on track for a successful reaccreditation in Spring 2018.

*What about the program SPAs? Are their standards changing?*

Some SPAs have already reviewed, approved, and implemented new standards. Some SPAs are currently reviewing their standards and have not yet approved them. In either case, **CEHD programs must remain in close contact with their SPAs to ensure that they know the status of their SPA standards, and to know when new SPA standards have been approved.**

*But all of our SPA programs are fully recognized – we don’t have to worry about this anymore, right?*

All of our SPA programs are now fully recognized – hurrah – but this fun doesn’t stop either! Each SPA program, as informed by their SPA, must submit another program report 3 years prior to the next scheduled accreditation visit. **This means that all SPA programs must submit program reports in Fall 2015 – just two years away.**

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## **Calendar Year Review Taskforce**

Based on the feedback from last year’s Data Yearbook data compilation, the CY Review Taskforce has been preparing for the production of the CY 2013 data yearbooks. The exciting addition of RHT programs to this process will make this year’s Calendar Year Review Process a more comprehensive review across CEHD.

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## **Survey Assortment – Disposition, Exit, Graduate, and Employer**

### **Disposition Survey**

The Dispositions Task Force reviewed the results of the pilot surveys conducted in Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Summer 2013. A summary of the 2013 pilot results, as well as a proposal for how programs will continue to assess this data, will be included in data yearbooks.

### **Exit Survey**

The Fall 2013 survey will be administered through Survey Monkey in GSE, and completed during the internship-related presentations in RHT. GSE programs have been contacted to identify “final” exits courses by Wednesday, November 27. Responses have been summarized and distributed to programs as part of the data yearbooks. Exit surveys will continue to be implemented on a regular basis.

### **Employer Survey**

Thank you to all programs which provided the names and contact information of current CEHD employers. CEHD conducted an Employer Focus Group that took place on June 27, as well as several telephone and face-to-face interviews with employers of CEHD graduates. The information has been analyzed and will be distributed to programs as part of the CY 2013 data yearbooks.

### **Alumni Survey**

CEHD graduates from 2010, 2011, and 2012 were sent surveys via Survey Monkey to collect information on their CEHD experiences. The responses have been summarized and will be distributed to programs as part of the data yearbooks in the future.

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