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## Looming Deadlines and Upcoming Events:

### Syllabi Review

As mentioned in the August 8<sup>th</sup> API email "Fall 2014 Syllabi Upload and Review," the syllabi upload and review deadline for courses following the Mason fall 2014 calendar is **Monday August 25<sup>th</sup>**. If your program offers courses that begin later than the university's scheduled date, please send a list of the course designator, number and section for all affected classes to [mmillerw@gmu.edu](mailto:mmillerw@gmu.edu). This will prevent API reviews prematurely.

### TaskStream Rubrics

As per Emily's email on July 28 to programs currently using TaskStream to collect data on their PBA's, please send any changes in rubrics to Emily by **August 15** so that she has time to upload them prior to the start of the semester.

### Internship Orientations

As indicated on the CEHD and API calendars, Internship Orientations will take place on August 13 and the University Supervisors Orientations will take place on August 18.

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### Calendar Year Review Process (CYRP)

(Quick Review: The Calendar Year Review Process is CEHD's annual, college-wide assessment system in action.)

#### *Where are we in this annual process?*

For Calendar Year 2013, each academic program received a **Data Yearbook** which contains programmatic and college-wide data. Each program has written its **Program Calendar Year Report** based on its Data Yearbook and other internal data. Each Division Director has written a **Division Calendar Year Report**, summarizing the strengths, areas for improvement, needs and goals of his/her division. The College Executive team has reviewed all of the Division Calendar Year Reports, and met individually with each Division's Academic Program Coordinators and Director, to determine the needs and goals of the college for the upcoming year. Based on this information, the Executive Team (**College**) **Calendar Year Report** is being finalized.

Do you know what was written in your Program or Division Report? Do all of your faculty and staff know? Are you working towards your program goals? The goal of the CYRP is to make continuous improvement a continuous process. Keep the process alive by reviewing your reports, and Data Yearbooks, throughout the year to help keep your program on track.

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### Surveys, Surveys, Surveys...what are they NOT telling you?

#### Exit Survey

Exit surveys have been sent to the students identified in final "exit" courses for summer 2014. The survey collection will go on throughout August. This data will be included in the 2014 Data Yearbooks.

#### Alumni Survey

Due to a collaborative effort between SAA and API, the alumni database is getting better! Programs may be contacted in the upcoming weeks to help us finalize the 2012 alumni database. This year, our alumni survey reaches out to 2012 calendar year graduates and will be sent out this fall. This data will be included in the 2014 Data Yearbooks.

#### Employer Survey

After piloting a focus group and one-on-one interviews last year, the Survey TaskForce will be evaluating the next steps when it reconvenes in the fall.

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### Clinical Experience

As mentioned in our last APIUpdate, the new CAEP (Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation) standards place an increased emphasis on clinical experiences for teacher preparation programs. One of our efforts to ensure that CEHD is aligned with the new CAEP standards is being facilitated by Rich Moniuszko, a faculty member in the Educational Leadership program and former Fairfax County Public Schools Deputy Superintendent. Two working groups have been launched to study and implement the new CAEP standards:

- The Clinical Partnership and Practice (CPP) *Planning* group, which is chaired by Rich Moniuszko and includes external school partners, which focuses on overarching clinical practices issues.
- The CPP *Implementation/Logistics* group which reviews the input and feedback from the CPP Planning group and then discusses how their ideas/feedback may be translated/implemented into college wide clinical practices.

The work of these groups will greatly impact the future of clinical practice at CEHD.

Who else will impact its future? Jeff Davis, the new Director of Clinical Practice, and Coordinator of VCET, the Virginia Center for Excellence in Teaching. Prior to joining CEHD, Jeff was the Principal of Bunker Hill Elementary School in Middletown, Delaware. API is pleased to have Jeff join the API office and we look forward to working with him on exciting clinical practice projects.

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**Wait...the fun accreditation stuff is coming up....**

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## Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Accreditation for Kinesiology Program

Congratulations to Margaret Jones of Kinesiology for securing initial accreditation from CAAHEP! This initial accreditation is valid until July 2019.

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## Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT) Accreditation

The Recreation Management Program (comprising the Parks and Outdoor Recreation concentration and the Therapeutic Recreation concentration) has just submitted the Institutional Response to COAPRT's Visitation Report in support of continuing accreditation. Drs. Ellen Rodgers, Brenda Wiggins and Jim Kozlowski will attend the meeting of the Council in Charlotte, NC in October at which time reaccreditation of the Recreation Management Program will be decided.

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## NCATE Reaccreditation Status

CEHD received formal approval that GSE was reaccredited by NCATE/CAEP! **The next accreditation visit, using CAEP standards, is scheduled for fall 2018. Self-Study reports are to be submitted eight months prior to their visit, which means a spring 2018 submission for us.**

As new CAEP Standards were published in 2013, a phase-in schedule for standard alignment has been developed for programs under CAEP accreditation. By 2018, all programs under CAEP accreditation are expected to be fully aligned with the new standards. Stay tuned for more information on how CEHD is moving towards alignment with the new CAEP standards....

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

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. Under the new CAEP accreditation guidelines all programs submitting SPA reports must now submit their reports for review three years prior to the unit visit. Since the next CAEP accreditation visit is scheduled in 2018 all SPA reports need to be submitted in fall 2015. **Have you contacted your SPA? All SPA programs must submit program reports in Fall 2015 – just 12 months away.**

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