



OEQA Requirements for State Program Approval

New/Revised Programs (Initial)

- New program to Educator Preparation Unit
- Program previously determined not recognized
- Program previously dropped or put on hiatus
- Program previously determined recognized with conditions by a SPA with conditions other than data
- Program resubmitting for initial approval due to revised standards
- Program resubmitting due to significant changes within the program

Required Documentation:

New Program to Current Certification Offerings:

- Letter of approval or other appropriate documentation that indicate the program proposal has the approval of all institutional and state (in case of state institutions) governing boards.
- Letter explaining the rationale for adding the program

All Programs:

- Program Plan of Study that provides:
 - Coursework required of all candidates (to include titles and catalog course descriptions)
 - Clear information about the sequence in which candidates take courses
 - Description of required field experiences/student teaching to include number of hours
- Course alignment to standards

Recognition Decisions/Criteria:

Review Criteria

- Program alignment to standards

Recognition Decisions

- Approved with Conditions – Program is aligned to all content standards and must resubmit program with data for review within 24 months.
- Further Development Required – Program does not align to all content standards and/or required documentation is not included. Program is not approved to admit candidates.

Continuing Program Approval (Initial)

- Program previously fully recognized through a national SPA or at the State level
- Program previously recognized with conditions under the revised State process
- Program previously recognized with conditions from a SPA with “data” being the only condition

Required Data:

- Program numbers for the last three (3) years to include Major GPA of graduates
- Candidate OSAT scores for the last three (3) academic years to include the EPP pass rate as well as the overall state verified pass rate. (Data)
- Candidate performance assessment scores for the last three (3) academic years

Additional Evidence:

- Narrative explaining how required data are being used to improve candidate performance and for continuous improvement.

Recognition Decisions/Criteria:

Review Criteria

- Graduates’ major GPA for the last 3 years at a 3.00 or above
- EPP verified candidates overall OSAT pass rate for the last 3 years at 80% or above the state average for verified candidates for the last three years
- EPP verified candidates overall pass rate on an approved performance assessment for the last 3 years at 80% or above or above the state average for verified candidates for the last 3 years

Recognition Decisions

- Approved with Distinction – Meets all 3 review criteria
- Approved – Meets 2 out of 3 review criteria
- Approved with Conditions – Meets 1 out of 3 criteria other than GPA and must resubmit program for review and receive a recognition decision of “approved” within 24 months
- Denied – Meets zero out of 3 criteria or only the GPA criteria

New/Revised Programs (Advanced)

- New program to Educator Preparation Unit
- Program previously determined not recognized
- Program previously dropped or put on hiatus
- Program previously determined recognized with conditions by a SPA with conditions other than data
- Program resubmitting for initial approval due to revised standards
- Program resubmitting due to significant changes within the program

Required Documentation:

New Program to Current Certification Offerings:

- Letter of approval or other appropriate documentation that indicate the program proposal has the approval of all institutional and state (in case of state institutions) governing boards.
- Letter explaining the rationale for adding the program

All Programs:

- Program Plan of Study to include:
 - Coursework required of all candidates (to include titles and catalog course descriptions)
 - Clear information about the sequence in which candidates take courses
 - Documentation that practicum/clinical experiences meet the requirements established by the respective learned society
 - Description of Capstone assignment, assessment, rubric, and data to be measured
- Course alignment to standards

Recognition Decisions/Criteria:

Review Criteria

- Program alignment to standards, including practicum/clinical experiences that adequately address the requirements established by their respective learned societies.

Recognition Decisions

- Approved with Conditions – Program is aligned to all content standards and must resubmit program for review within 24 months.
- Further Development Required – Program does not align to all content standards and/or required documentation is not included. Program is not approved to admit candidates.

Continuing Program Approval (Advanced)

- Program previously fully recognized through a national SPA or at the State level
- Program previously recognized with conditions under the revised State process
- Program previously recognized with conditions from a SPA with “data” being the only condition

Required Data:

- Program numbers for the last three (3) years to include Major GPA of graduates
- Candidate OSAT scores for the last three (3) academic years to include the EPP pass rate as well as the overall state verified pass rate.
- Candidate Capstone Assessment data for the last three (3) academic years

Additional Evidence:

- Capstone Assessment and Rubric
- Narrative explaining how required data are being used to improve candidate performance and for continuous improvement.

Recognition Decisions/Criteria:

Review Criteria

- Graduates’ major GPA for the last 3 years at a 3.00 or above
- EPP verified candidates overall OSAT pass rate for the last 3 years at 80% or above the last the state average for verified candidates for the last three years
- Capstone evidence of candidate proficiency

Recognition Decisions

- Approved with Distinction – Meets all 3 review criteria
- Approved – Meets 2 out of 3 review criteria
- Approved with Conditions – Meets 1 out of 3 criteria other than GPA and must resubmit program for review and receive a recognition decision of “approved” with 24 months
- Denied – Meets zero out of 3 criteria or only GPA