



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

(Submission of data with this application is inapplicable. Alignment approval is required before data can be submitted with the “Continuing Application”.)

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
 - Clear information about the sequence in which candidates take courses
 - Description of required field experiences/student teaching to include number of hours
 - Documentation of PPAT implementation
- 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

(Submission of data with this application is inapplicable. Alignment approval is required before data can be submitted with the “Continuing Application”.)

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
 - 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