

# 2015 EPP Annual Report

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<b>Institution:</b>	University of Arkansas - Fort Smith		
<b>Unit:</b>	School of Education		

## Section 1. AIMS Profile

After reviewing and/or updating the Educator Preparation Provider's (EPP's) profile in AIMS, check the box to indicate that the information available is accurate.

In AIMS, the following information is current and accurate...

	Agree	Disagree
Contact person	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EPP characteristics	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Program listings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Section 2. Program Completers

How many candidates completed programs that prepared them to work in preschool through grade 12 settings during Academic Year 2013-2014 ?

Enter a numeric value for each textbox.

Number of completers in programs leading to initial teacher certification or licensure

Number of completers in programs leading to a degree, endorsement, or some other credential that prepares the holder to serve in P-12 schools (Do not include those completers counted above.)

Total number of program completers 123

## Section 3. Substantive Changes

Have any of the following substantive changes occurred at your educator preparation provider or institution/organization during the 2013-2014 academic year?

3.1 Changes in the published mission or objectives of the institution/organization or the EPP

No Change / Not Applicable

3.2 The addition of programs of study at a degree or credential level different from those that were offered when most recently accredited

No Change / Not Applicable

3.3 The addition of courses or programs that represent a significant departure, in terms of either content or delivery, from those that were offered when most recently accredited

No Change / Not Applicable

3.4 A contract with other providers for direct instructional services, including any teach-out agreements

No Change / Not Applicable

Any change that means the EPP no longer satisfies accreditation standards or requirements:

3.5 Change in regional accreditation status

No Change / Not Applicable

3.6 Change in state program approval

No Change / Not Applicable

## Section 4. Display of candidate performance data.

Provide a link that demonstrates candidate performance data are public-friendly and prominently displayed on the school, college, or department of education homepage.

2014 Arkansas Department of Education EPP Report; UAFS 2014 Assessment Report:

<http://uafs.edu/education/teacher-candidate-performance-information>

## Section 5. Candidate and Program Measures

For each required measure of program impact, program outcome, or consumer information, evidence must be provided for programs leading to initial teacher certification or licensure. CAEP encourages EPPs to provide information on the optional reporting measures as well.

### CAEP's 8 Reporting Measures

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| 5.1 Impact on P-12 learning and development   | 5.5 Indicators of teaching effectiveness  |
| 5.2 Results of completer surveys  | 5.6 Results of employer surveys, and including retention and employment milestones        |
| 5.3 Graduation rates  | 5.7 Ability of completers to be hired in education positions for which they have prepared |
| 5.4 Ability of completers to meet licensing (certification) and any additional state requirements | 5.8 Student loan default rates and other consumer information                             |

Yes, a program or programs leading to initial teacher certification is currently being offered.

5.1 Impact on P-12 learning and development. *Report information on candidate performance during pre-service and completer performance during in-service for programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure.*

Which of the following measures of impact on P-12 student learning is the EPP using and planning to use as evidence?

Assessments	Data are available	Data are not available	
		The EPP has a plan to collect data in the next two years.	The EPP does not currently have a plan to collect data within the next two years.
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4

#### 5.1.1 Candidate performance during pre-service

Unit and lesson plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pre-post tests of student learning	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Videos of candidate instruction	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate reflection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surveys of P-12 students on candidate performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
State-adopted assessment(s) (specify)			
Praxis CASE, Praxis II content series, Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State-designed assessment(s) (specify)			
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
EPP-designed assessment(s) (specify)			
Interviews, disposition ratings, portfolio defense, assessments designed for each SPA	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify)			
Charlotte Danielson FFT Criteria initiated 2014-15; edTPA pilot continued	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### 5.1.2 Completer performance during in-service

Student achievement and/or learning models (e.g., value-added modeling)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
EPP-designed case study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (specify)			
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

5.2 Results of completer surveys. *Report information on the satisfaction of completers of programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure.*

5.2.1. If "Disagree", go to 5.3

	Agree	Disagree
Completer survey results are available to the EPP.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.2.2 Which of the following descriptions characterize the completer survey(s) available on the preparation of the EPP? (Check all that apply.)

- The completer provides summary ratings of the EPP and its programs.
- The completer provides responses to open-ended questions about the EPP.
- The completer provides a response to questions about their preparation in at least one of the following areas:
  - Content knowledge
  - Instruction and pedagogical content knowledge
  - Teaching diverse P-12 students
  - Teaching P-12 students with diverse needs
  - Classroom management
  - Alignment of teaching with state standards
  - Family and community engagement
  - Assessment of P-12 student learning
  - Other (Specify)

Utilize technology to enhance student learning; exhibit professional behavior in terms of promptness and appearance

5.2.3 If applicable, after a candidate completes a program, when does the EPP administer its completer surveys? (Check all that apply.)

- At the end of the program
- Between the end of the program and one year after program completion
- Between one and two years after program completion
- Between two and three years after program completion
- Between three and four years after program completion
- More than four years after program completion

5.2.4 Indicate the EPP's access to results of completer surveys and the survey response levels.

Record a response for each row.

Survey administered by	No access to data	Access to data	Number of completers surveyed	Number of responses received
EPP	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	343	154
Individual program	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Institution or organization	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
State	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	35	35
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

5.2.5 The EPP can demonstrate that the completer survey is...

	Agree	Disagree
Reliable (produces consistent results about completer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Valid (can make an appropriate inference about completer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A measure with a representative sample (demonstrates typical completer responses)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Inclusive of stakeholder interests



A measure that produces actionable results (provides specific guidance to the EPP for continuous improvement)



5.2.6 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on completer survey results.



5.3 Graduation rates. *Report information on enrollment and candidate progress in programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure, as of September 1, 2014.*

Enter a numeric value for each textbox.

	Academic year a candidate was first enrolled				
	AY 2013-2014	AY 2012-2013	AY 2011-2012	AY 2010-2011	AY 2009-2010
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
First Time Enrollment. The number of candidates who enrolled for the first time, during a specified academic year.					
Number of candidates who were enrolled for the first time in a program leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure	132	186	215	220	159
Progress in AY 2013-2014. The number of candidates/completers who were recommended for initial teacher certification or licensure during AY 2013-2014. List candidates according to the academic year they were first enrolled.					
Number of candidates who were recommended for a initial teacher certification or licensure during AY 2013-2014	3	81	23	5	1
<i>Example: If 15 candidates were recommended an initial teacher certification in AY 2013-2014, the numbers across the row should sum to 15 (2+10+0+2+1).</i>	2 <i>Two candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2013-2014) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	10 <i>10 candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2012-2013) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	0 <i>Zero candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2011-2012) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	2 <i>Two candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2010-2011) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>	1 <i>One candidates (who first enrolled in AY 2009-2010) were recommended for an initial teacher certification.</i>
Number of candidates/completers who were <b>not</b> recommended for an initial teacher certification or licensure...	1				
Continued in a program	108				

Been counseled out of a program	1
Withdrawn from a program	22

5.4 Ability of completers to meet licensing (certification) and any additional state requirements. *Report information on candidate performance on state licensure tests for initial teacher certification or licensure.*

5.4.1 Assessment Pass Rates reported to Title II

	Number taking test	Average scaled score* (This value should be between 0-1.)	Number passing test	Pass rate (%)	Statewide average pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2012-2013	124	0.75	121	98	94.1
All program completers, 2011-2012	87	0.75	87	100	95

5.4.2 The EPP can demonstrate that the licensure or certification test results are...

	Agree	Disagree
Representative (demonstrates typical candidate or completer performance)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Actionable (provides specific guidance for continuous improvement)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.4.3 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on certification test results.

Agree	Disagree
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.5 Indicators of teaching effectiveness. *Report information on the availability of measures of teaching effectiveness during in-service for completers of programs leading to an initial teacher certification or licensure*

For which of the following measures of teaching effectiveness does the EPP have data or plan to collect data?

Record a response for each assessment (row).

Assessments	Data are available	Data are not available	
		The EPP has a plan to collect data in the next two years.	The EPP does not currently have a plan to collect data within the next two years.
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4

Completer performance during in-service

Surveys of P-12 students on completer performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
School district-level teacher evaluation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Employer observations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Employer surveys	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EPP-designed case study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

5.6 Results of employer surveys, including retention and employment milestones. *Report information on the*

availability of employer satisfaction data for completers employed by school districts.

5.6.1 If "Disagree", go to 5.7

	Agree	Disagree
Employer survey results are available to the EPP.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.6.2 Which of the following descriptions characterize the employer survey(s) available? (Check all that apply.)

- The employer provides overall summary ratings of the completer.
- The employer provides responses to open-ended questions about the completer.
- The employer provides a response to questions about the completer's preparation in at least one of the following areas:
  - Collaboration with school-based colleagues and staff
  - Alignment of teaching with state standards
  - Family and community engagement
  - Content/subject matter
  - Instructional and pedagogical content knowledge
  - Development of a safe learning environment
  - Assessment of P-12 student learning
  - Teaching P-12 students with diverse needs
  - Teaching diverse P-12 students
  - Other (Specify)

5.6.3 Indicate the access the EPP has to results from employer surveys and their response levels. (Check all that apply.)

Record a response for each row.

Survey administered by	No access to data	Access to data	Number of completers surveyed	Number of responses received
EPP	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	34	21
Institution or Organization	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
School District	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
State	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Accreditation agency	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

5.6.4 The EPP can demonstrate that the employer survey is...

	Agree	Disagree
Reliable (produces consistent results about employer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Valid (can make an appropriate inference about employer satisfaction)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A measure with a representative sample (demonstrates typical employer responses)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusive of stakeholder interests	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A measure that produces actionable results (provides specific guidance to the EPP for continuous improvement)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.6.5 The EPP can demonstrate that it has made modifications in its preparation based on employer survey results.  Agree  Disagree



	completers	for which they were prepared	position outside of their preparation		education field		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
AY 2013-2014	114	56	0	0	0	0	58

Example: If 60 candidates completed their program in AY 2013-2014, the numbers across the row should sum to 60 (17+9+8+4+2+20)

60	17	9	0	4	2	20
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5.8 Student loan default rates and other consumer information. *Report consumer information for the educator preparation provider.*

Indicate which of the following categories of consumer information the EPP has access to and publicly displays on its website. (Check all that apply.)

Record a response for each row.

Consumer information	No Access to data	Access to data	Publicly displayed data
3-year student loan default rate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Average cost of attendance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Average beginning salary of a program completer	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Placement patterns of completers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

## Section 6. Areas for Improvement, Weaknesses, and/or Stipulations

Summarize EPP activities and the outcomes of those activities as they relate to correcting the areas cited in the last Accreditation Action/Decision Report.

## Section 7. Accreditation Pathway

Continuous Improvement. *Summarize progress toward target level performance on the standard(s) selected.*

As noted in the previous EPP Annual Report, UAFS has selected Standard 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice as a target for Continuous Improvement. The EPP initiated a site-based Professional Development School (PDS) following CAEP guidelines in Spring, 2013. In Spring 2012, the EPP began investigation into a site for an initial PDS. The EPP determined that Van Buren School District's approach to curriculum and instruction was a good match for its goals for candidates. In Fall, 2012 the EPP held several collaborative meetings to discuss establishing a P-4 PDS at Central Elementary in the Van Buren School District. The first cohort began in Spring, 2013 with candidates in four P-4 courses. In Fall, 2013 four sections were offered at Central Elementary with a total of 40 candidates. In Spring, 2014 four sections were offered with 40 candidates enrolled. Additionally, the EPP's movement toward continuous improvement in clinical partnerships included implementing a middle level PDS in Spring, 2014. The first Middle Level course was offered at Butterfield Middle School with 10 candidates. The PDS instructors have integrated new content derived from interactions with clinical educators. Clinical educators have provided more accurate critiques of candidate performance, indicating improved accountability. Candidates report spending more than the required time at their clinical sites, accompanying students and educators on field trips, and interacting with parents. Administrators and teachers at the PDS sites have been very supportive of the program. During a time of budget cuts in higher education, the School of Education faculty were concerned the limited class size at the PDS sites (due to space availability) could impact the continuation of the program. A solution to this issue would be expanding to other sites, which would enable the SOE to offer multiple sections with class sizes commensurate with other education courses offered on campus. The UAFS School of Education is actively seeking to expand the



PDS sites to other partner school districts; thereby, allowing all candidates the opportunity to have the PDS educational experience. In February, 2015 the School of Education faculty and the Teacher Education Council members began brainstorming strategies to implement the PDS model at other district sites. The groups decided the next step would be to have the Director of Field Experiences organize focus groups of administrators and teachers from the local school districts to garner feedback. The discussions will take place in Spring and Summer of 2015.

## Section 8: Preparer's Authorization

Preparer's authorization. *By checking the box below, I indicate that I am authorized by the EPP to complete the 2015 EPP Annual Report.*

I am authorized to complete this report.

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