May 24, 2013

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Dear Dr. Lynn:

I am happy to confirm that the Accreditation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) concluded at its meeting on May 2, 2013 that the evidence presented in your Inquiry Brief, as verified by the audit and evaluated by the Accreditation Panel, merits Accreditation status.

The Accreditation Committee unanimously passed the following motion:

The Teacher Education and Certification Program submitted by the Ramapo College of New Jersey is granted Accreditation (7 years) with two weaknesses and no stipulations.

**Weakness in Quality Principle 2.1:**
The current set of measures for caring is of limited use.

*Justification for the weakness in 2.1:*
The only measures for caring are based on the student teaching rating form, and items on the form include multiple competencies, which confounds the results.

**Weakness in Quality Principle 2.2:**
Statistical analysis and reporting of the evidence is inconsistent and incomplete.

*Justification for the weakness in 2.1:*
The auditors were unable to replicate statistics reported in the Brief, so the accuracy of the statistics was inconsistent. Furthermore, the reporting was incomplete in that throughout Section 4, the faculty report means without standard deviations, making it difficult to develop a complete picture of the evidence absent the nature of score distributions.

The Teacher Education Program’s accreditation status is effective between May 3, 2013 and May 3, 2020.
This letter will be sent in both electronic and paper format, and, with the paper copy, we will enclose an insert that you may wish to display in your membership plaque.

Your Accreditation status also entitles your program to use one of the statements of affiliation and accreditation in the endnote below and is conditional upon your continued adherence to the principles, standards, and policies of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. In announcing your status in TEAC, you must make clear that it is the Professional Education Program cited in your Inquiry Brief that is accredited by TEAC and not your department and institution.

I draw your attention to TEAC’s requirements for your annual reports displayed on TEAC’s website: http://www.teac.org/accreditation/annual-reports/. Your first report is due by May 3, 2014, one year from the date on which accreditation status was awarded. The annual report needs to be up-loaded into the Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

In keeping with TEAC’s policy on Program Performance Disclosure (Policy XI), we request that you post a link on the program’s website to the Summary of the Case that has been posted on the TEAC website (www.teac.org/membership/teac-members) and to links of such other performance assessment summaries as you determine appropriate (including websites reporting Title II data).

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. We look forward to learning more about the evidence for the continued improvements you will be making in your teacher education program. We hope you will share what you are learning with others at our annual meetings and continue to be an active participant in TEAC. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to the TEAC system of accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

Mark LaCelle-Peterson
President

Enclosures

1 Program options at the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate level in Art Education, Biological Science, Business Education, Chemistry, Earth Science, Elementary Education, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Health, Mathematics, Music Education, Physical Science, Physics, Psychology, Social Studies, and Speech Arts and Dramatics. The state of New Jersey, at its discretion, offers licensure to program completers in these option areas.

2 Statements of Affiliation and Accreditation
Programs accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council that wish to state this affiliation in published materials should use one of the following official statements:
(1) Ramapo College of New Jersey’s Teacher Education and Certification Program, which is designed to [statement of the goal or mission of the program], is granted Accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) for a period of seven years, from May 3, 2013 to May 3, 2020.
(2) Ramapo College of New Jersey’s Teacher Education and Certification Program, which is designed to [statement of the goal or mission of the program], is granted Accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) for a period of seven years, from May 3, 2013 to May 3, 2020. This accreditation verifies that the forenamed professional education program has provided evidence that the program adheres to TEAC’s quality principles.