



Connecticut State Department of Education
Proposed Educator Preparation Program Approval Model
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Data-Driven, Program-Level Evaluation and Performance Designations:

Individual educator preparation programs (e.g., elementary education; educational leadership) will be evaluated and given a status designation on an annual basis using multiple accountability data sources, including measures of content knowledge and pedagogy. The CSDE will implement a focused monitoring system based on data and status designations, including on-site visits triggered by problematic data:

Effective: No data concerns

Year 1: Marginal Risk: If cumulative ratings based on all measures below 80%

Consequence: Notification to Educator Preparation Program

Year 2: At Risk: If cumulative ratings based on all measures below 80%

Consequence: Freeze candidate admissions

Year 3: Low Performing: If cumulative ratings based on all measures below 80%

Consequence: Focused, On-Site Visit

Year 4: Revoke Approval: If cumulative ratings based on all measures below 80% (EPP must wait a minimum of one year before seeking SBE new program approval)

Proposed “Just Cause” Triggers:

Any one of the following indicators will lead to identifying a program performance designation as follows:

- **At-Risk** (if one of the indicators below persists for one year) or
- **Low-Performing** (if one indicator below persists over two years or two or more indicators below persists for one year or more)
 - o * First attempt pass rate for state required tests is 74% or lower (note: if there is a change of test, this indicator will be waived for two years to allow IHEs time to use/analyze pass rate data to inform/adjust curriculum and instruction.);
 - o Connecticut Administrator Test (CAT) pass rate for a program is 74% or lower; or
 - o * Pre-Service performance category is 74% or lower
 - o Employer or teacher feedback survey indicates a rating that is 74% or lower (note: criterion may be adjusted as measure is developed and implemented).

CSDE Review Committee: The CSDE Review Committee would still serve as a “gatekeeping” decision-making entity, making final recommendations to the Commissioner and the SBE relative to continuing approval based on data weighting and status designations.

* **TWO-YEAR TRANSITION OF NEW ASSESSMENT or MEASURE:** Accountability ratings will be publicly reported but will not be consequential for within two years of implementation of a new assessment or measure.