

Excerpt from Ala. Admin. Code r. 290-3-3-.42

(4) Standards Applicable to Traditional Class A Educator Preparation Programs for EPPs with On-Site Visits Scheduled Fall 2021 and Thereafter. The following standards are based on the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standards for Advanced Programs and are applicable to all teaching fields and areas of instructional support.

(a) Content and Pedagogical Knowledge. The provider ensures that candidates for professional specialties develop a deep understanding of the critical concepts and principles of their field of preparation and, by program completion, are able to use professional specialty practices flexibly to advance the learning of all P-12 students toward attainment of Alabama's college-and career ready standards.

1. **Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Professional Dispositions.** Candidates for advanced preparation demonstrate their proficiencies to understand and apply knowledge and skills appropriate to their professional field of specialization so that learning and development opportunities for all P-12 are enhanced, through:
 - i. Applications of data literacy;
 - ii. Use of research and understanding of qualitative, quantitative and/or mixed methods research methodologies;
 - iii. Employment of data analysis and evidence to develop supportive school environments;
 - iv. Leading and/or participating in collaborative activities with others such as peers, colleagues, teachers, administrators, community organizations, and parents;
 - v. Supporting appropriate applications of technology for their field of specialization; and
 - vi. Application of professional dispositions, laws and policies, codes of ethics and professional standards appropriate to their field of specialization.
2. **Provider Responsibilities.** Providers ensure that advanced program completers have opportunities to learn and apply specialized content and discipline knowledge contained in National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or national discipline-specific standards.

(b) Clinical Partnerships and Practice. The provider ensures that effective partnerships and high-quality clinical practice are central to preparation so that candidates develop the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions appropriate for their professional specialty field.

1. **Partnerships for Clinical Preparation.** Partners co-construct mutually beneficial P-12 school and community arrangements, including technology-based collaborations, for clinical preparation and share responsibility for continuous improvement of advanced program candidate preparation. Partnerships for clinical preparation can follow a range of forms, participants, and functions. They establish mutually agreeable expectations for advanced program candidate entry, preparation, and exit; ensure that theory and practice are linked; maintain coherence across clinical and academic components of preparation; and share accountability for advanced candidate outcomes.
2. **Clinical Experiences.** The provider works with partners to design varied and developmental clinical settings that allow opportunities for candidates to practice applications of content knowledge and skills that the courses and other experiences of the advanced preparation program emphasize. The opportunities lead to appropriate culminating experiences in which candidates demonstrate their

proficiencies, through problem-based tasks or research (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, mixed method, action) that are characteristic of their professional specialization as detailed in Rule 290-3-3-.42(4)(a)1. (i)-(vi).

(c) Candidate Quality and Selectivity. The provider demonstrates that the quality of advanced program candidates is a continuing and purposeful part of its responsibility so that completers are prepared to perform effectively and can be recommended for certification.

1. **Admission of Diverse Candidates Who Meet Employment Needs.** The provider sets goals and monitors progress for admission and support of high-quality advanced program candidates from a broad range of backgrounds and diverse populations to accomplish the provider's mission. The admitted pool of candidates reflects the diversity of Alabama's teacher pool, and over time, should reflect the diversity of Alabama's P-12 students. The provider demonstrates efforts to know and address local and state needs for school and district staff prepared in advanced fields.
2. **Candidates Demonstrate Academic Achievement and Ability to Complete Preparation Successfully.** The provider set admissions requirements for academic achievement and gathers data to monitor candidates from admission to completion. The provider continuously monitors disaggregated evidence of academic quality, mode of delivery, and individual preparation programs, identifying differences, trends and patterns that should be addressed.

Each applicant for admission to a traditional master's level (Class A) program must provide evidence of having earned a degree grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 printed on the transcript of the degree-granting college or university that was regionally accredited when the degree was earned.

In addition, the cohort GPA must be at least 3.0. [See Rule 290-3-3-.01(10).]

3. **Selectivity During Preparation.** The provider creates criteria for program progression and uses disaggregated data to monitor candidates' advancement from admission through completion.
4. **Selection at Completion.** Before the provider recommends any advanced program candidate for completion, the provider documents that the candidate has reached a high standard for content knowledge in the field of specialization, data literacy and research-driven decision making, effective use of collaborative skills, applications of technology, and applications of dispositions, laws, codes of ethics and professional standards appropriate for the field of specialization.

(d) Program Impact. The provider documents the satisfaction of its completers

from advanced preparation programs and their employers with the relevance and effectiveness of their preparation.

1. **Satisfaction of Employers.** The provider demonstrates that employers are satisfied with the completers' preparation and that completers reach employment milestones such as promotions and retention.
2. **Satisfaction of Completers.** The provider demonstrates that advanced program completers perceive their preparation as relevant to the responsibilities they confront on the job, and that preparation was effective.

(e) Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement. The provider maintains a quality assurance system comprised of valid data from multiple measures, including evidence of candidates' and completers' positive impact on P-12 student learning and development. The provider supports continuous improvement that is sustained and evidence-based, and that evaluates the effectiveness of its completers. The provider uses the results of inquiry and data collection to establish priorities, enhance program elements and capacity, and test innovations to improve completers' impact on P-12 student learning and development.

1. Quality and Strategic Evaluation.
 - i. The provider's quality assurance system is comprised of multiple measures that can monitor candidate progress, completer achievements, and provider operational effectiveness.
 - ii. The provider's quality assurance system relies on relevant, verifiable, representative, cumulative and actionable measures, and produces empirical evidence that interpretations of data are valid and consistent.
2. Continuous Improvement.
 - i. The provider regularly and systematically assesses performance against its goals and relevant standards, tracks results over time, tests innovations and the effects of selection criteria on subsequent progress and completion, and uses results to improve program elements and processes.
 - ii. Measures of completer impact, including available outcome data on P-12 student growth, are summarized, externally benchmarked, analyzed, shared widely, and acted upon in decision-making related to programs, resource allocation, and future excellence.
 - iii. The provider assures that appropriate stakeholders, including alumni, employers, practitioners, school and community partners, and others defined by the provider, are involved in program evaluation, improvement, and identification of models of excellence.

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