

CAEP

The Education Department at Delaware State University was accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher education (NCATE) in 1998 with a reaffirmation in 2014. The NCATE process ensured that accredited institutions met high and rigorous standards of accountability for their teacher education programs. This process also provided an opportunity for DSU teacher education programs to thoroughly examine their mission, goals, objectives, teaching strategies, faculty qualifications, assessment practices and performance outcomes.

The DSU teacher education program for P-12 preparation, utilizes a continuous assessment process that provides the highest quality for DSU students. The purpose of NCATE accreditation, now named the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), is to provide assurance to the public that professionally determined standards have been met, thereby validating the programs offered by accredited institutions. Graduates from CAEP-accredited schools of education master the subject matter and possess a variety of strategies to teach it effectively. In this case, graduates can articulate why they select a particular instructional strategy; are able to manage classrooms with students from many different backgrounds; are able to use technology as an instructional tool; are reflective of their own practices and make appropriate changes; and have had a number of diverse clinical experiences in P-12 schools. They have studied under a variety of master teachers during a systematically designed field experience in their area of study. The CAEP Board of examiners is scheduled to visit our campus in Spring, 2019.

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