

AAQEP Transition Guidelines

The Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission has approved the possibility that EPPs may choose to become accredited with AAQEP as an alternative to CAEP in order to comply with OAR 584-400-0015, requiring national accreditation.

In order to facilitate the transition to AAQEP, the following steps must be followed:

1. The EPP must formally notify the program staff via email to Candace.Robbecke@Oregon.gov, upon making the decision to become accredited with AAQEP. Such notification shall be provided to TSPC by June 1, 2020.
2. The TSPC, in consultation with the EPP, will make a determination regarding eligibility of the EPP and also ensure that the TSPC site visit schedule can be maintained.
 - a. No more than three site visits may take place in any given semester, in order to ensure TSPC staff capacity.
 - b. In addition, no EPP can make the change to AAQEP unless their scheduled site visit is Spring 2021 or later, without prior TSPC permission.
3. The EPP must ensure that it has the institutional resolve and resources to follow through with such a significant decision.
 - a. If AAQEP is denied formal recognition by CHEA, EPPs accredited by AAQEP during the provisional approval period will be required to satisfy the national accreditation requirement at the EPP's next scheduled site visit through another approved accreditor.
 - b. If the EPP does not successfully achieve AAQEP accreditation, then the EPP is not covered by national accreditation and could be subject to suspension of educator programs until such time as it achieves accreditation. (Likewise, if the EPP does not successfully achieve CAEP accreditation, the EPP is not covered by national accreditation and could be subject to suspension of educator programs until such time as it achieves AAQEP accreditation.)
4. The EPP national accreditation through AAQEP must be achieved by July 1, 2025.
5. The EPP shall contact AAQEP to inform them of the decision to become accredited with AAQEP.
6. The EPP shall also notify CAEP of its decision to move to AAQEP accreditation.
7. The EPP shall develop its strategy to implement the accreditation process, including payment of the AAQEP fees and development of the AAQEP Proposal.
8. TSPC recommends the EPP attendance at AAQEP workshops to help them understand the process and submit a successful proposal and Quality Assurance Report.
9. Within two years of [the site visit] [AAQEP's decision regarding accreditation] [TSPC's decision regarding accreditation], the EPP will be scheduled for a site visit.
10. For EPPs that were previously recognized by CAEP and then switch to AAQEP, AAQEP will follow up on any CAEP AFIs, stipulations, etc. AAQEP inherit the obligations of the AFIs, etc.