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5 PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED IN SPA REPORTS

Formal decisions and feedback on SPA reports submitted last fall were released on February 1. Six programs have been "Recognized!" They are:

- Middle Childhood
- Special Education – Early Childhood
- Special Education - Moderate Intensive
- School Psychology
- AYA Science Education, and
- Hearing Impaired

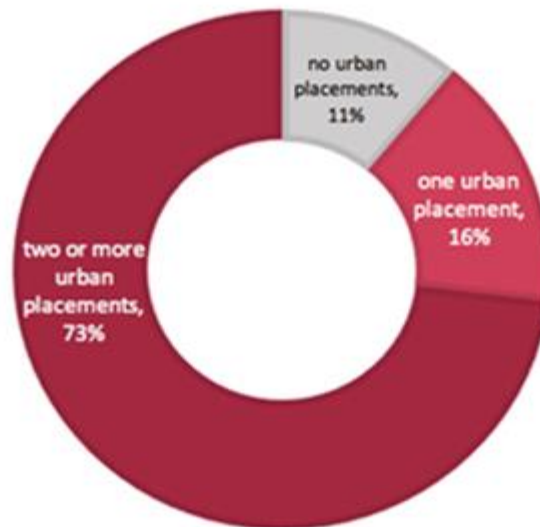
Congratulations! We appreciate the time and effort put forth by these programs in preparing the reports. They are recognized through the semester and year of our next CAEP accreditation decision. If you would like to see the reviewers' comments about your report, please visit your program's Buckeye Box folder, and the folder labeled "Reports: State Perf., State Program, SPA Reports."

Thank you to all programs for your work and collaboration during the SPA accreditation process. It is greatly appreciated!

URBAN PLACEMENTS

OEP recently calculated the percent of 2015-16 completers with placements in urban settings, as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics. This group included those who completed a teacher license as an undergraduate, post baccalaureate or master's program from the Columbus T&L programs. Similarly, 62-65% of student teaching placements from these programs were placed in urban settings from the past three cohorts. What can this data tell us about the diverse experiences of our teacher candidates?

Percentage OSU 15-16 Columbus completers with placements in urban settings



FIELD PLACEMENT DEADLINE

The field placement deadline for students in P-12 settings is [April 1](#). The placement spreadsheet will be sent out to all program managers the week of [February 20](#). Please contact [Casey Hammond](#) if you have any questions.

REPORT AVAILABLE TO SEE IF PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET

How can you efficiently find out if your students have met the requirements prior to their field placements, especially student teaching? The answers are at your fingertips! Run the Student Placement Requirements Report in **Tk20**. Crucial information such as Module I completion, background check expiration dates and OAE scores are listed in one place. Step-by-step directions to run the report are posted in the Ed Prep Buckeye Box.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

As a reminder, OEP no longer has copies of background checks. Students now go to the Office of Human Resources (HR), [1590 N. High St, Suite 300](#), to obtain copies. HR's hours of operation are [Tuesday-Friday, 9 -11 a.m.](#) and [1- 4 p.m.](#) Students will need to show photo IDs to obtain copies.

UPDATES FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Draft Plan and Technical Submission Available

After collecting input around the state, the Ohio Department of Education is proud to release the [draft state plan](#) and the [technical submission](#) of Ohio's Every Student Succeeds Act state plan with appendices. You are invited to [review and provide comment](#) on the draft state plan and technical submission [through March 6](#). View the [Overview of Ohio's Draft State Plan Webcast](#).

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION SPRING OPEN FORUMS

Please mark your calendars. The Office of Educator Preparation (OEP) will conduct an Open Forum during the spring semester. Please send one representative from each program to discuss OEP updates. Topics of the forum will include data, unit assessments, and Module I updates.

Spring Forum:

[March 9, 10-11 a.m.](#) in Ramseyer 136
[March 9, 2-3 p.m.](#) via [Carmen Connect](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Faculty and staff questions should be directed to [Kathleen Lynch](#). Students should check their Bursar bill first. If they do have an Ed Prep Voucher fee listed, they should email edprep@osu.edu.

ADVISING CONNECTION, by Heather Long, Academic Advisor in EHE

Advisor Input for Major Applications

If you take part in the review process for a competitive major application, you may want to consider connecting with the academic advisors who work in your area. Advisors have consistent interactions with students and may be able to provide additional information for you to consider when making admission decisions.

OCTEO Spring Conference

The [OCTEO Spring Conference](#) will be held **Wednesday through Friday, March 29-31, 2017**, at the Embassy Suites Dublin.

New this spring – OCTEO is offering the opportunity for students and researchers to present Poster Sessions on **Thursday from 5-6pm** during the reception. Details are available on the website along with the Call for Proposals and Call for Roundtables (deadline is before **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 21, 2017**).

SPRING TEACHOHIO CAREER FAIR

The EHE Office of Career Services is hosting the TeachOhio Career Fair in April. Please share this information with your candidates:



For further information, go to <http://static.ehe.osu.edu/downloads/career-services/events/teach-ohio-flyer.pdf>.

edTPA UPDATES

New Video Software Replaces MS Windows Movie Maker

The new software to edit edTPA videos is OpenShot, a multiplatform program for Windows, Mac or Linux computers.

You may download and experiment at: <http://www.openshot.org/> For help, there is a Help Manual, some forums to help with the learning curve, and [How-to videos on YouTube](#).

Other options include:

- Adobe Premier Elements
- MediaSite
- WeVideo
- CyberLink PowerDirector

Please encourage your students to share feedback with their local IT support.

“Helping Candidates Help Themselves”

How might you support your candidates? Send them messages! Below are more tips for candidates (thank you to Nancy Cuniff Casey from St. Bonaventure University):

Tips for Candidates:

Remember to keep in mind this process is designed to make you a better educator. Keep the children at the center and everything will be just fine.

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