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**43-90**

**PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS  
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER  
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

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**Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:**

Section(s):

59-5-60.

General powers of [State] Board

59-5-65.

Powers and responsibilities of State Board of Education

59-26-20.

Duties of State Board of Education and Commission on Higher Education.

Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

**State Board Policy:**

Program Approval Standards for South Carolina Teacher Education Institutions

The South Carolina State Board of Education requires that all teacher education programs meet the standards as established by a national accreditation association with which the South Carolina Department of Education has a partnership agreement. For State Board of Education approval, public institutions must seek and receive national accreditation. Private institutions may seek national accreditation or meet national standards for State Board of Education approval. The South Carolina Department of Education will develop guidelines to assist teacher education programs to meet the national standards. Statutory authority to determine accreditation decisions for and impose sanctions against teacher education programs is granted to the State Board of Education.