

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	EP-01
COMMITTEE:	Education Professions
DATE:	September 13, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

One-Year Accreditation Visit Extension Request

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

Regulation 43-90 establishes the accreditation criteria for public and private educator preparation providers. The State Board of Education has final authority on all accreditation decisions.

CRITICAL FACTS

In June 2016, the Office of Educator Services received a one-year accreditation visit extension request from Winthrop University. Historically, accreditation visit extension requests have not been granted; however, beginning in Fall 2017 all South Carolina Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) will begin an accreditation cycle under a new accrediting body—the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The new accreditation standards and requirements are more rigorous than previous standards and requirements and require EPPs to access data that historically has not been collected or examined for continuous program approval.

The extension request from Winthrop University was shared with senior staff in July 2016. Senior staff were unanimous in their support for the extension request. In addition, senior staff recommended that a one-year extension be offered to all providers. However, the extension would be optional for providers and not mandatory. This information was shared with the EPP deans in late July 2016—there was no opposition for the recommended extension request from the deans. Upon approval, the EPPs will have until October 1, 2106, to notify the SCDE of their desire to have a one-year extension for their accreditation visit.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- June 2016 The Office of Educator Services received a one-year extension request from Winthrop University.
- July 2016 The one-year extension from Winthrop University was shared with Senior Staff and the Educator Preparation Providers deans.

