

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT— AAQEP COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the  
New York State Education Department  
and the  
Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation

This agreement establishes a framework for cooperation between the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) with regard to quality assurance activities in support of educator preparation in the State of New York. The purpose of this agreement is to support quality assurance, continuous improvement, and innovation in educator preparation by institutions of higher education authorized to award degrees by the New York State Board of Regents as they seek and maintain national accreditation through AAQEP.

AAQEP affirms NYSED's efforts to ensure quality preparation of educators to meet the needs of New York State's children, families, schools, and communities and commits to ensuring quality educator preparation by providers approved by NYSED. By entering this agreement, NYSED affirms AAQEP's mission of promoting and recognizing quality educator preparation that strengthens the education profession's ability to serve all students, schools, and communities.

AAQEP is a national accreditor recognized by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

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agreement with the intent of supporting both NYSED and providers authorized by it in ensuring the preparation of excellent and effective teachers and other professional ed

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ADDENDUM

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This Addendum supplements and clarifies Sections 6 and 7 of the Agreement currently in effect (dated 10/19/2021) between the State of New York (NYSED) and the Association of Accredited Schools International (AASI). The changes make available to all AASI member schools and program preparation providers in the State of New York. All changes are effective as of the latest signature below.

**Section 3: Quality Assurance Review Process**  
The Quality Assurance Review Process specifies the requirements for AASI member providers to engage in AASI's Initial Accreditation process. The size of the review team is determined by program size and complexity.


**Section 7: Accreditation Decision**  
In addition to the existing Agreement, this Addendum includes recognition of accreditation status by the AAOEP Accreditation Commission. If further recognized, AAOEP Initial Accreditation for a nonrenewable term of up to 6 years.


All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain unchanged and in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum to the original Agreement as of the date and year set forth below.

For AAOEP:

For NYSED:

  
Mark LaCelle-Peterson  
President and CEO

  
Aaron M. Baldwin  
Deputy Counsel and Authorized Signatory  
New York State Education Department

Date

Date

5/6/21