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Dr. Susan M. Donovan, President
Bellarmine University
2001 Newburg Road
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Dear President Donovan:

At the October 12, 2020, meeting of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), the report of the evaluation of the educator preparation provider and programs at Bellarmine University was considered. I am pleased to inform you that the EPSB voted to continue accreditation of the School of Education at Bellarmine University. This accreditation decision indicates that the provider and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. The enclosed action report provides details of the EPSB's decision. The EPSB also approved all initial and advanced educator preparation programs on the enclosed list.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your professional education unit for displaying the high-quality preparation necessary to be granted accreditation. I would also like to express appreciation for the cooperation received from the faculty, staff, and administration of your institution.

Should you have any questions regarding the action of the EPSB, please contact Ms. Margaret Hockensmith, Program Consultant, Division of Educator Preparation and Certification at (502) 892-6648.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason E. Glass".

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Elizabeth Dinkins, EPP Leader
Chris Koch, President, CAEP
Jon R. Akers, Associate Commissioner, Office of Educator
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Education Professional Standards Board
ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY
Louisville, KY
October 2020

ACCREDITATION DECISION: Accreditation is granted. The next site review will take place in Fall 2026.

STANDARDS SUMMARY:

Standards	Findings
Standard 1: Content and Pedagogical Knowledge	Met
Standard 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice	Met
Standard 3: Candidate Quality, Recruitment, and Selectivity	Met
Standard 4: Program Impact	Met
Standard 5: Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement	Met

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

There was no area for improvement cited

**Program Review Update
Bellarmine University
May 3, 2019
October 12, 2020**

Following are the results of the reviews by the Division of Educator Preparation, Assessment and Internship, various Content Area Reviewers, and the Program Review Committee of the program review documents submitted by Bellarmine University in advance of the CAEP/Kentucky accreditation visit scheduled for September 15-17, 2019.

INITIAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES P-5 (Baccalaureate (14))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

*This is a dual certification program with LBD.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES P-5 (Master's (119); Master's Option 6 (183))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

***MIDDLES GRADES 5-9: ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES (Baccalaureate (2254, 2158, 2350, 2446))**

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

* These programs requires two subject areas for certification. Bellarmine University requires one of these two areas to be Learning and Behavior Disorders.

***MIDDLES GRADES 5-9: ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES (Master's (2256, 2160, 2352, 2448); Master's Option 6 (2257, 2161, 2353, 2449))**

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

* This program includes an option for single content area certification.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE GRADES 8-12 (Baccalaureate (3))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE GRADES 8-12 (Master's (262); Master's Option 6 (260))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

CHEMISTRY GRADES 8-12 (Baccalaureate (5))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

CHEMISTRY GRADES 8-12 (Master's (256); Master's Option 6 (261))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

ENGLISH GRADES 8-12 (Baccalaureate (16))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

ENGLISH GRADES 8-12 (Master's (257); Master's Option 6 (263))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

MATHEMATICS GRADES 8-12 (Baccalaureate (37))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

MATHEMATICS GRADES 8-12 (Master's (94); Master's Option 6 (210))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

PHYSICS GRADES 8-12 (Master's (3125); Master's Option 6 (3126))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

SOCIAL STUDIES GRADES 8-12 (Baccalaureate (56))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

SOCIAL STUDIES GRADES 8-12 (Master's (258); Master's Option 6 (264))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

ART GRADES P-12 (Baccalaureate (2))

The program was closed upon request of the EPP on September 12, 2017. Candidates have until June 30, 2021, to complete the program and receive a recommendation for certification from Bellarmine University.

INTEGRATED MUSIC GRADES P-12 (Baccalaureate (29))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS GRADES P-12 (Baccalaureate (33))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

*This program requires dual certification with either P-5 or 5-9.

LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS GRADES P-12 (Master's (124); Master's Option 6 (184))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

*These programs require dual certification with either Elementary, Middle School or Secondary Education.

ADVANCED/ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

LITERACY SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT GRADES P-12 (Certification only (1909), Master's for Rank II (1426), Master's for Rank I (1910), Rank I non-degree (5386))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

ENDORSEMENT FOR TEACHER LEADER GRADES P-12 (1247)

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS GRADES P-12 (certification option in MA (2640) and Rank I (92) programs)

These programs were closed by request of the institution on September 12, 2017. Candidates have until June 2022 to complete the program and apply for certification/rank change.

TEACHER LEADER (Master's for Rank II (1246))

This program is found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

PLANNED PROGRAM FOR RANK I (Master's (1902) and 6th year non-degree (1901))

These programs are found in compliance with the EPSB program requirements.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GRADES P-12 (Specialist Level I (1905), Option 6 Specialist Level I (1908))

The information demonstrating compliance with 16 KAR 3:090 has been submitted for review; however, the review and approval process has not yet been completed.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GRADES P-12 (Certification only Level II (2684), Option 6 Certification only Level II (3083))

The information demonstrating compliance with 16 KAR 3:090 have been submitted for review; however, the review and approval process has not yet been completed.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT (Doctorate (3557))

The previous regulation governing this certificate program was repealed. The new regulation (16 KAR 3:090) went into effect July 2019. The program must be submitted for review by December 1, 2020.
