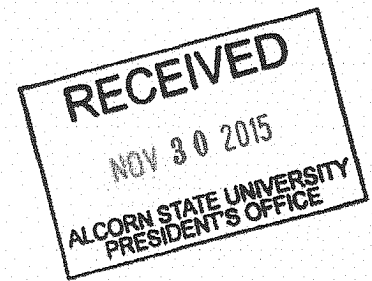




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Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.
President
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Dear Dr. Rankins:

I am pleased to inform you that the Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on October 27, 2015 and has granted **initial accreditation** to the School of Education and Psychology at Alcorn State University. The current accreditation status is as follows:

The School of Education and Psychology at Alcorn State University is granted **initial accreditation for seven years** with the areas for improvement (AFIs) outlined on the enclosed accreditation action report.

This decision was reached based on the evidence presented for accreditation, as verified by the site visit team and evaluated by the Selected Improvement/Transformation Initiative Commission.

The School of Education and Psychology's accreditation status is effective between fall 2015 and fall 2022. The accreditation status, term, and any stipulations will be posted on the CAEP website at <http://caepnet.org/provider-search>. The School of Education and Psychology's next site visit will be scheduled for spring 2022.

A certificate that acknowledges this accomplishment is enclosed with this letter.

The accreditation status entitles Alcorn State University to use the following, as outlined in CAEP's *Policy Manual*:


The School of Education and Psychology at Alcorn State University is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for a period of 7 years, from fall 2015 to fall 2022. This accreditation includes the following sites: (include names of all sites included in the accreditation review). The accreditation

does not include individual education courses that the EPP offers to P-12 educators for professional development, re-licensure, or other purposes.

To maintain accreditation, the School of Education and Psychology must submit an annual report that will be available in CAEP's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS) between January and April next year. Any areas for improvement and stipulations must be addressed in the annual reports until they are removed by the Accreditation Council. In addition, the annual report asks for the URL of the page on Alcorn State University's website that displays or links to candidate performance assessment summaries, including Title II data for educator preparation providers (EPPs) in the United States, as required by CAEP Policy XXXIX.

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. We look forward to learning more about the continued improvements you will be making in your education programs. We hope you will share what you are learning with others at professional meetings and continue to be an active participant in CAEP. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to CAEP accreditation.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher A. Koch
President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report and Certificate of Accreditation

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