

Institutions' scores on NCTQ's Rigor Standard

To learn more about how institutions are scored on this standard, including how the individual indicator is satisfied, please see its [scoring methodology](#).

Our evaluation of institutions on this standard is based on the analysis discussed in *Trainig Our Future Teachers: Easy A's and What's Behind Them*. The standard measures the rigor of their preparation as indicated by the grade point average (GPA) differential between graduating teacher candidates and all other graduating students.¹ A failing score on Standard 19 is a signal that teacher candidates earn disproportionately high grades, indicating that a program is not making the demands in training that prepare its graduates for the demands they will face in the classroom.

Scores on Standard 19: Rigor

(N=509 institutions; scores apply to all undergraduate teacher preparation programs included in *Teacher Prep Review 2014* at that institution).

State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***	State	Institution	Differential** (percentage points)	Score on NCTQ's Rigor Standard***
AK	University of Alaska Anchorage	14	●	AR	Southern Arkansas University	31	○*
AK	University of Alaska Fairbanks	19	○*	AR	University of Arkansas – Fort Smith	25	○*
AL	Alabama State University	8	●	AR	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	19	○*
AL	Athens State University	13	●*	AZ	Arizona State University	18	●
AL	Auburn University	24	○	AZ	Northern Arizona University ★	5	●
AL	Troy University	26	○	AZ	Ottawa University – Phoenix	-3	●*
AL	University of Alabama	12	●*	CA	California State University – Dominguez Hills	3	●*
AL	University of Mobile	3	●*	CA	Humboldt State University	-2	●*
AL	University of Montevallo	5	●*	CA	University of the Pacific	20	○*
AL	University of South Alabama	3	●*	CO	Adams State University	30	○
AR	Arkansas State University	7	●*	CO	Colorado Christian University	30	○
AR	Arkansas Tech University	3	●*	CO	Colorado Mesa University	12	●
AR	Harding University	8	●*	CO	Colorado State University – Pueblo	-1	●
AR	Henderson State University	12	●*	CO	Metropolitan State University of Denver	-5	●*
AR	John Brown University	-1	●	CO	University of Northern Colorado	16	●
AR	Ouachita Baptist University	2	●	CT	Central Connecticut State University	18	○*

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CT	Eastern Connecticut State University	-1	●*	IA	Northwestern College	-9	●*
CT	University of Hartford	18	○*	IA	St. Ambrose University	29	○
CT	Western Connecticut State University	28	○	IA	University of Northern Iowa	3	●
DC	American University	10	●	IA	Wartburg College	22	○
DE	Delaware State University	43	○*	ID	Boise State University	1	●
DE	University of Delaware	3	●*	ID	Brigham Young University - Idaho	3	●
DE	Wilmington University	2	●	ID	Idaho State University	8	●
FL	Bethune-Cookman University	2	●	ID	Lewis-Clark State College	7	●
FL	Daytona State College	9	●	ID	Northwest Nazarene University	21	○
FL	Edison State College	6	●	ID	University of Idaho	7	●
FL	Florida Atlantic University ★	20	○*	IL	Augustana College	5	●
FL	Florida Gulf Coast University	25	○*	IL	Aurora University	16	●
FL	Florida International University	18	○*	IL	Benedictine University	7	●*
FL	Florida Southern College	-1	●*	IL	Blackburn College	30	○
FL	Florida State College at Jacksonville	-2	●	IL	Bradley University	14	●*
FL	Florida State University	26	○	IL	Concordia University Chicago	19	●
FL	Northwest Florida State College	-1	●	IL	DePaul University	-13	●
FL	Southeastern University	28	○	IL	Eastern Illinois University	7	●*
FL	University of North Florida	31	○	IL	Elmhurst College	13	●
FL	University of South Florida	8	●	IL	Governors State University	2	●*
FL	University of South Florida St. Petersburg	9	●	IL	Greenville College	10	●
FL	University of West Florida	-5	●*	IL	Illinois College	2	●*
GA	Albany State University	-1	●	IL	Illinois State University	15	○*
GA	Armstrong Atlantic State University	14	●*	IL	Illinois Wesleyan University	25	○*
GA	Augusta State University (Georgia Regents University Augusta)	-12	●*	IL	Knox College	-7	●
GA	Clayton State University	13	●	IL	Lewis University	33	○*
GA	Columbus State University	17	●	IL	Loyola University Chicago	20	●
GA	Covenant College	-19	●*	IL	McKendree University	42	○
GA	Dalton State College	4	●*	IL	Millikin University	41	○
GA	Emmanuel College	5	●	IL	Monmouth College	-5	●*
GA	Georgia College and State University	20	●	IL	North Central College	12	●*
GA	Georgia Southern University	26	○*	IL	North Park University	28	○*
GA	Georgia State University ★	33	○*	IL	Northeastern Illinois University	7	●
GA	Mercer University	14	●*	IL	Northwestern University	1	●*
GA	Middle Georgia State (Macon State) College	11	●	IL	Olivet Nazarene University	23	○
GA	Reinhardt University	14	●*	IL	Rockford College	3	●*
GA	University of Georgia	21	○	IL	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	7	●*
GA	University of North Georgia (Gainesville State)	16	●	IL	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	17	○*
GA	University of West Georgia ★	11	●	IL	Trinity Christian College	-4	●
HI	Brigham Young University – Hawaii	-14	●	IL	University of Illinois at Chicago	19	●
IA	Briar Cliff University	-8	●*	IL	University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign ★	0	●*
IA	Central College	11	●*	IL	Western Illinois University	10	●*
IA	Clarke University	28	○	IL	Wheaton College	13	●
IA	Grand View University	38	○	IN	Ball State University	10	●*
IA	Iowa State University	5	●*	IN	Bethel College	28	○
IA	Iowa Wesleyan College	12	●*	IN	Butler University	12	●
IA	Loras College	16	○*	IN	Calumet College of St. Joseph	52	○
IA	Luther College	-4	●*	IN	Franklin College	-7	●

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IN	Indiana State University	17	●	MA	Boston College	-1	●*
IN	Indiana University – Bloomington ★	24	○*	MA	Bridgewater State University ★	7	●*
IN	Indiana University – Kokomo	3	●*	MA	Emmanuel College	30	○
IN	Indiana University – Northwest	34	○	MA	Fitchburg State University	34	○*
IN	Indiana University – South Bend	-1	●*	MA	Framingham State University	13	●*
IN	Indiana University – Southeast	-1	●	MA	Gordon College	13	●
IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne	3	●*	MA	Stonehill College	19	○*
IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis	2	●*	MA	Worcester State University	4	●*
IN	Indiana Wesleyan University	14	●	MD	Hood College	6	●*
IN	Marian University Indianapolis	-6	●*	MD	Mount St. Mary's University	5	●*
IN	Purdue University	0	●*	MD	Salisbury University	12	●*
IN	Purdue University – North Central	15	●	MD	Stevenson University	25	○
IN	Saint Mary's College	11	●	MD	University of Maryland – Baltimore County	10	●*
IN	Taylor University	15	●	MD	University of Maryland – College Park	-6	●
IN	University of Evansville	6	●*	ME	Husson University	-2	●*
IN	University of Indianapolis	14	●	ME	University of Maine at Farmington	14	●
IN	University of Southern Indiana	17	●	ME	University of Maine at Presque Isle	18	●
IN	Vincennes University	-2	●	MI	Alma College	2	●*
KS	Benedictine College	-1	●	MI	Central Michigan University ★	13	●*
KS	Bethany College	22	○*	MI	Ferris State University	17	●
KS	Emporia State University ★	16	●	MI	Lake Superior State University	18	○*
KS	Fort Hays State University	19	○*	MI	Michigan State University ★	-1	●*
KS	Kansas State University	5	●	MI	Saginaw Valley State University	17	●
KS	MidAmerica Nazarene University	32	○	MI	Spring Arbor University	-11	●
KS	Ottawa University	1	●*	MI	University of Michigan – Flint	19	○*
KS	Pittsburg State University	7	●	MI	Wayne State University ★	11	●*
KS	Southwestern College	3	●*	MI	Western Michigan University	7	●
KS	Sterling College	26	○	MN	Augsburg College	12	●*
KS	University of Kansas	7	●	MN	Bethel University	2	●
KS	Washburn University	24	○*	MN	College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	0	●*
KS	Wichita State University	12	●*	MN	Concordia College at Moorhead	1	●
KY	Campbellsville University	27	○*	MN	Concordia University St. Paul	10	●
KY	Eastern Kentucky University	16	●	MN	Gustavus Adolphus College	23	○
KY	Lindsey Wilson College	14	●*	MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	15	●
KY	Murray State University	38	○	MN	Southwest Minnesota State University	22	○
KY	Northern Kentucky University	12	●*	MN	University of Minnesota – Duluth	7	●
KY	Union College	14	●	MN	University of Northwestern – St. Paul	2	●
KY	University of Kentucky	2	●*	MN	Winona State University	19	●
KY	University of Louisville	49	○*	MO	College of the Ozarks	7	●
KY	Western Kentucky University	14	●*	MO	Evangel University	23	○
LA	Grambling State University	-5	●*	MO	Fontbonne University	-1	●*
LA	Louisiana State University – Shreveport	0	●*	MO	Maryville University of St. Louis	7	●*
LA	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	-1	●*	MO	Missouri Baptist University	12	●*
LA	Louisiana Tech University	11	●*	MO	Missouri Southern State University	25	○
LA	Nicholls State University	14	●	MO	Missouri State University	11	●
LA	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	30	○*	MO	Missouri Western State University	7	●*
LA	University of Louisiana at Monroe	18	●	MO	Northwest Missouri State University	16	●
MA	Assumption College	18	●	MO	Park University	24	○

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MO	Southeast Missouri State University	14	●*	NE	Midland University	9	●
MO	Southwest Baptist University	0	●*	NE	University of Nebraska at Kearney	18	●
MO	St. Louis University	2	●*	NE	University of Nebraska Omaha	10	●*
MO	University of Missouri – Columbia	31	○	NE	Wayne State College	16	●
MO	University of Missouri – Kansas City	3	●	NH	Rivier University	1	●
MO	University of Missouri – St. Louis	29	○	NH	Southern New Hampshire University	27	○*
MS	Alcorn State University	-4	●*	NJ	Caldwell University	10	●
MS	Blue Mountain College	20	○*	NJ	College of New Jersey	9	●
MS	Delta State University	12	●	NJ	Kean University	26	○*
MS	Jackson State University	17	●	NJ	Monmouth University	18	○*
MS	Mississippi State University	-2	●*	NJ	Rider University	23	○
MS	Mississippi Valley State University	9	●	NJ	Rowan University	9	●
MS	University of Mississippi	5	●	NJ	Seton Hall University	27	○*
MS	University of Southern Mississippi	-2	●*	NJ	William Paterson University of New Jersey	22	○
MT	Montana State University	24	○	NM	Eastern New Mexico University	-8	●*
MT	Montana State University – Northern	23	○	NM	New Mexico Highlands University	11	●*
MT	Montana State University Billings	10	●	NM	New Mexico State University	5	●*
MT	University of Great Falls	33	○	NM	University of New Mexico ★	6	●
MT	University of Montana – Western	26	○	NV	Nevada State College	14	●
NC	Appalachian State University	24	○	NV	University of Nevada – Las Vegas	-2	●
NC	Catawba College	4	●	NY	CUNY – Brooklyn College	1	●*
NC	East Carolina University ★	21	○*	NY	CUNY – City College ★	8	●*
NC	Elizabeth City State University	22	○	NY	CUNY – York College	12	●*
NC	Elon University	37	○*	NY	Dowling College	6	●*
NC	Greensboro College	22	○	NY	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	-6	●*
NC	High Point University	17	○*	NY	Houghton College	15	●
NC	Lees-McRae College	32	○	NY	Medaille College	10	●
NC	North Carolina A&T State University	26	○	NY	Nyack College	21	○
NC	North Carolina Central University	46	○	NY	Pace University	12	●*
NC	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	21	○*	NY	Roberts Wesleyan College	29	○*
NC	University of North Carolina at Asheville	6	●	NY	Siena College	13	●*
NC	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	13	●*	NY	St. John Fisher College	26	○
NC	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	26	○*	NY	St. John's University	18	○*
NC	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	27	○*	NY	St. Thomas Aquinas College	17	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	39	○	NY	SUNY – College at Buffalo	38	○*
NC	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	24	○*	NY	SUNY – Fredonia	17	●
NC	Western Carolina University	32	○	NY	SUNY – New Paltz ★	19	●
NC	Winston-Salem State University	38	○	NY	SUNY – Oswego	8	●*
ND	Dickinson State University	15	●	NY	SUNY – Potsdam	4	●
ND	Mayville State University	26	○*	NY	SUNY College at Brockport ★	37	○
ND	Minot State University	21	○	NY	SUNY College at Cortland	15	●
ND	North Dakota State University	12	●	NY	SUNY College at Old Westbury	7	●
ND	University of Mary	11	●	NY	Utica College	16	●
ND	University of North Dakota	13	●*	OH	Ashland University	7	●
ND	Valley City State University	2	●*	OH	Baldwin Wallace University	11	●*
NE	Chadron State College	6	●*	OH	Bowling Green State University ★	9	●*
NE	Doane College	3	●*	OH	Cedarville University	10	●*
NE	Hastings College	5	●	OH	Central State University	21	○

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OH	Cleveland State University ★	17	○*	PA	Clarion University of Pennsylvania	14	●
OH	College of Mount St. Joseph	7	●*	PA	Drexel University	1	●
OH	Heidelberg University	23	○*	PA	Duquesne University	5	●*
OH	Kent State University	36	○	PA	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	38	○
OH	Lake Erie College	20	○*	PA	Eastern University	14	●*
OH	Malone University	32	○*	PA	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania ★	33	○
OH	Miami University of Ohio	8	●*	PA	Elizabethtown College	27	○
OH	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	13	●	PA	Geneva College	19	○*
OH	Muskingum University	-11	●*	PA	Juniata College	16	●
OH	Ohio Northern University	14	●*	PA	Keystone College	17	○*
OH	Ohio University	7	●*	PA	King's College	27	○
OH	Otterbein University	25	○*	PA	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania ★	24	○
OH	Shawnee State University	28	○*	PA	Lincoln University of Pennsylvania	12	●
OH	University of Akron ★	8	●*	PA	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	3	●*
OH	University of Cincinnati	14	●	PA	Lycoming College	16	○*
OH	University of Dayton	24	○	PA	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	42	○
OH	University of Findlay	22	○	PA	Marywood University	5	●*
OH	University of Mount Union	-4	●*	PA	Mercyhurst University	8	●
OH	University of Rio Grande	28	○	PA	Messiah College	28	○
OH	University of Toledo	20	●	PA	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	14	●
OH	Walsh University	12	●	PA	Muhlenberg College	15	●
OH	Wittenberg University	10	●*	PA	Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg	44	○*
OH	Wright State University	17	●	PA	Point Park University	17	●
OH	Xavier University	-2	●*	PA	Saint Vincent College	6	●*
OH	Youngstown State University	10	●*	PA	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	45	○*
OK	Cameron University	2	●	PA	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	26	○*
OK	East Central University	4	●*	PA	Temple University	1	●*
OK	Northeastern State University	15	●	PA	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	43	○
OK	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	7	●	PA	Valley Forge Christian College	1	●*
OK	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	6	●*	PA	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	42	○*
OK	Oklahoma State University	-1	●*	PA	Widener University	9	●*
OK	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	-3	●	PA	Wilkes University	47	○
OK	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	4	●	PA	York College of Pennsylvania	30	○
OK	University of Central Oklahoma	5	●	RI	Roger Williams University	25	○*
OR	Concordia University	-8	●	RI	Salve Regina University	15	●
OR	Corban University	23	○	RI	University of Rhode Island	4	●*
OR	George Fox University	20	○	SC	Clemson University ★	21	○
OR	Oregon State University	30	○*	SC	Coastal Carolina University	26	○*
OR	University of Portland	0	●	SC	College of Charleston	2	●
OR	Western Oregon University	29	○*	SC	Converse College	-16	●*
PA	Alvernia University	26	○	SC	Francis Marion University	5	●*
PA	Arcadia University	5	●*	SC	South Carolina State University	31	○*
PA	Baptist Bible College and Seminary	26	○	SC	University of South Carolina – Aiken	2	●
PA	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ★	37	○	SC	University of South Carolina – Columbia	22	○*
PA	Cabrini College	29	○*	SC	University of South Carolina – Upstate	11	●*
PA	California University of Pennsylvania	39	○*	SC	Winthrop University	5	●*
PA	Carlow University	12	●*	SD	Augustana College	3	●
PA	Cedar Crest College	54	○	SD	Black Hills State University	12	●

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SD	Northern State University	30	○	TX	West Texas A&M University	26	○*
SD	South Dakota State University	12	○	UT	Brigham Young University	3	●
SD	University of Sioux Falls	10	○	UT	Dixie State College of Utah	8	●
SD	University of South Dakota	-5	●	UT	Southern Utah University	21	○
TN	Austin Peay State University	2	●*	UT	Utah State University	-3	●*
TN	Carson-Newman University	-2	●	UT	Weber State University	6	●
TN	East Tennessee State University ★	6	●*	VA	Virginia State University	25	○*
TN	Freed-Hardeman University	2	●	VT	Castleton State College	19	○
TN	Lee University	3	●	VT	Johnson State College	31	○
TN	Lipscomb University	15	○	VT	Saint Michael's College	19	○
TN	Middle Tennessee State University ★	22	○*	VT	University of Vermont	0	●
TN	Tennessee Technological University ★	12	●*	WA	Central Washington University	20	○
TN	Tennessee Wesleyan College	8	●	WA	Eastern Washington University	18	○
TN	Trevecca Nazarene University	21	○	WA	Gonzaga University	4	●*
TN	University of Memphis	9	●*	WA	Heritage University	14	○
TN	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	16	○	WA	Northwest University	7	●*
TX	Abilene Christian University	16	○	WA	Pacific Lutheran University	31	○*
TX	Angelo State University	5	●*	WA	Seattle Pacific University	13	○
TX	Baylor University	13	○	WA	Washington State University ★	44	○*
TX	Hardin-Simmons University	-1	●	WA	Western Washington University	9	●
TX	Howard Payne University	8	●*	WA	Whitworth University	22	○
TX	LeTourneau University	-4	●*	WI	Concordia University Wisconsin	25	○
TX	Lubbock Christian University	1	●*	WI	Edgewood College	27	○
TX	Prairie View A&M University	4	●*	WI	Lakeland College	39	○
TX	Sam Houston State University	5	●*	WI	Maranatha Baptist University	4	●
TX	St. Edward's University	9	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire	33	○
TX	Stephen F. Austin State University ★	28	○*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	24	○
TX	Sul Ross State University	-2	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Madison	4	●*
TX	Tarleton State University	6	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	6	●*
TX	Texas A&M University ★	19	○*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh	37	○*
TX	Texas A&M University – Commerce	5	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Platteville	21	○*
TX	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	12	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – River Falls	16	○
TX	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	-1	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Stout	1	●*
TX	Texas Christian University	15	○	WI	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater	19	○*
TX	Texas State University - San Marcos	10	●*	WV	Bluefield State College	25	○
TX	Texas Tech University	28	○*	WV	Concord University	14	○
TX	Texas Woman's University	5	●*	WV	Fairmont State University	28	○
TX	University of Houston	18	○*	WV	Glenville State College	-2	●*
TX	University of Houston - Clear Lake	0	●*	WV	Marshall University	11	●*
TX	University of Houston - Victoria	15	○*	WV	Shepherd University	10	●
TX	University of North Texas	9	●*	WV	West Liberty University	18	○*
TX	University of St. Thomas	8	●*	WV	West Virginia State University	15	●*
TX	University of Texas – Pan American ★	3	●*	WV	West Virginia Wesleyan College	-7	●
TX	University of Texas at Arlington	34	○*	WY	University of Wyoming	-4	●*
TX	University of Texas at Brownsville	0	●*				
TX	University of Texas at El Paso	7	●*				
TX	University of Texas at San Antonio	9	●*				

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NY	Hunter College – CUNY ★
NY	CUNY – Lehman College ★
NY	CUNY– Queens College ★

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Differences between analyses for Rigor Standard evaluations and *Easy A's* report findings

Although both the analysis for the Rigor Standard and the analysis of grading for the report *Training Our Future Teachers: Easy A's and What's Behind Them* are similar and use the same data source, several features of their methodologies differ. These differences are explored in more detail in this standard's [methodology](#). Due to these differences, aggregation of findings in the *Easy A's* report and ratings from the Rigor Standard are largely but not perfectly aligned.

Sample for this standard

The score applies to all undergraduate teacher preparation programs at an institution. This standard scores 509 institutions. Of these, 257 institutions (50 percent) are scored using precise data, while 252 are rated using less precise data. Institutions that are included in the *Review* but not scored on this standard are often omitted because some necessary data could not be identified in their commencement brochures or because they had fewer than 20 teacher candidates graduating in the year being analyzed.

The institutions included in this analysis represent a broad swath of colleges and universities, including public and private, small and large, and more and less selective institutions. The tables below describe the sample of the institutions evaluated based on selectivity, institution type, and size.

Table 1. Institutional selectivity²

Selectivity	Number of institutions
Most competitive	4
Highly competitive	22
Very Competitive	106
Competitive	258
Noncompetitive	24
Less Competitive	64
Not identified	31
GRAND TOTAL	509

² Barron's. (2014). *Profiles of American Colleges 2015*. New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc.

Table 2. Institutional size³

Size	Number of institutions
Private (not-for-profit)	208
Public	301
GRAND TOTAL	509

Table 3. Institutional size⁴

Size	Number of institutions
Very small	26
Small	160
Medium	191
Large	131
Special focus institution	1
GRAND TOTAL	509

3 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. (2012) *Carnegie Classifications Data File*. Retrieved October 30, 2014 from <http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/>

4 Ibid