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REVISED TEACHER PREP PROGRAM RANKINGS ISSUED BY NCTQ

March 2, 2015 (Washington, DC) – The National Council on Teacher Quality today announced revisions to the rankings published in last year’s edition of the *Teacher Prep Review*, a comprehensive evaluation of the programs that prepare the vast majority of the nation’s teachers.

123 program scores on NCTQ’s standards were revised. 106 of these changes were made because programs provided new materials; the remaining 17 changes were a result of errors in NCTQ’s original analysis. NCTQ changed the rankings of 64 programs offered by 38 providers (each provider can offer multiple programs).

The changes resulted from an appeals process NCTQ launched last summer to investigate and address possible errors in the 2014 *Teacher Prep Review*. NCTQ asked the 1,202 providers (both institutions of higher education and alternative certification providers) in its sample to look over its findings about their programs. If providers identified suspected errors, they could submit supporting documentation for NCTQ to review.

Because the next edition of the *Teacher Prep Review* will not be published until October 2016, programs were also able to submit new materials that could reflect changes programs have made since being initially reviewed.

NCTQ employed 88 staff, analysts and experts to examine almost 1,000 textbooks and 22,000 documents in order to generate the 19,000 ratings that went into the *Teacher Prep Review*. NCTQ is committed to accuracy. While relatively few mistakes were made, NCTQ will continue to refine its ratings processes to further reduce the error rate.

NCTQ will soon be reaching out to providers to ask them to submit new material for the next edition of the *Teacher Prep Review*.

Summary of revisions:

| Characteristic | Traditional | Alternative Certification | Total |
|--|-------------|---------------------------|-------|
| # Providers in the Appeals Process | 55 | 7 | 62 |
| Providers that submitted on their own | 44 | 6 | 50 |
| Providers identified through NCTQ due diligence | 11 | 1 | 12 |
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| # Standards appealed | 295 | 20 | 315 |
| # Standard scores changed | 120 | 3 | 123 |
| Due to error | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Due to new material | 103 | 3 | 106 |
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| # Institutions with program ranking changes | 36 | 2 | 38 |
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| # Program ranking changes | 62 | 2 | 64 |
| Due to error | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Due to new material | 50 | 2 | 52 |

Traditional Teacher Preparation Programs:

| School | State | Reason | Program | Old Rank | New Rank |
|--|--------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Boise State University | ID | New material | undergraduate elementary | Rank not reported | 40 |
| Boise State University | ID | New material | undergraduate secondary | 113 | 37 |
| Cumberland University | TN | New material | undergraduate elementary | Rank not reported | 229 |
| Cumberland University | TN | New material | undergraduate secondary | 297 | 127 |
| East Tennessee State University | TN | New material | graduate elementary | Rank not reported | 345 |
| East Tennessee State University | TN | New material | graduate secondary | 178 | 50 |
| East Tennessee State University | TN | New material | undergraduate elementary | Data insufficient to rank | 55 |
| East Tennessee State University | TN | New material | undergraduate secondary | 57 | 8 |
| Gordon College | MA | Mistake | undergraduate elementary | 71 | 14 |
| Gordon College | MA | New material | undergraduate secondary | 127 | 32 |
| Lipscomb University | TN | Mistake | undergraduate secondary | 2 | 1 |
| McDaniel College | MD | New material | graduate secondary | Rank not reported | 178 |
| McDaniel College | MD | New material | undergraduate elementary | 19 | 10 |
| Mercyhurst University | PA | New material | undergraduate elementary | 242 | 101 |
| Montclair State University | NJ | New material | graduate secondary | 12 | 4 |
| Montclair State University | NJ | Mistake | undergraduate elementary | 71 | 13 |
| North Carolina State University at Raleigh | NC | New material | undergraduate secondary | Rank not reported | 57 |
| North Georgia College and State University | GA | New material | graduate secondary; undergraduate elementary | 265 | Institution no longer operating |
| Northwest Nazarene University | ID | New material | undergraduate elementary | 40 | 16 |

| School | State | Reason | Program | Old Rank | New Rank |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Northwest Nazarene University | ID | New material | undergraduate secondary | 41 | 14 |
| Northwestern State University of Louisiana | LA | New material | undergraduate secondary | 157 | 41 |
| Purdue University | IN | New material | graduate secondary | 380 | 170 |
| Purdue University | IN | New material | undergraduate elementary | 27 | 18 |
| Southeastern Louisiana University | LA | New material | undergraduate elementary | Data insufficient to rank | 14 |
| Tusculum College | TN | New material | undergraduate elementary | Rank not reported | 60 |
| Tusculum College | TN | New material | undergraduate secondary | 193 | 56 |
| Union Graduate College | NY | New material | graduate secondary | Data insufficient to rank | 193 |
| University at Buffalo | NY | Mistake | graduate secondary | 346 | 285 |
| University of Arkansas | AR | Mistake | graduate elementary | 203 | Program misclassified and removed from 2014 sample |
| University of Arkansas | AR | New material | graduate secondary | Rank not reported | 94 |
| University of Arkansas at Little Rock | AR | New material | undergraduate elementary | Data insufficient to rank | 394 |
| University of Arkansas at Monticello | AR | New material | undergraduate elementary | Rank not reported | 14 |
| University of Arkansas at Monticello | AR | New material | undergraduate secondary | 368 | 27 |
| University of California - Los Angeles | CA | New material | graduate elementary | Rank not reported | 188 |
| University of California - Los Angeles | CA | New material | graduate secondary | 368 | 5 |
| University of Florida | FL | Mistake | undergraduate elementary | 165 | 97 |

| School | State | Reason | Program | Old Rank | New Rank |
|---|-------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| University of Florida | FL | Mistake | graduate special education | 27 | Program misclassified and removed from 2014 sample |
| University of Houston | TX | New material | graduate elementary | 22 | 18 |
| University of Houston | TX | New material | graduate secondary | 247 | 170 |
| University of Houston | TX | New material | undergraduate elementary | 7 | 4 |
| University of Houston | TX | Mistake | undergraduate secondary | 23 | 5 |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette | LA | New material | undergraduate elementary | Data insufficient to rank | 34 |
| University of Maryland - Baltimore County | MD | New material | undergraduate elementary | 188 | 155 |
| University of Montana | MT | Mistake | graduate elementary | 55 | 13 |
| University of North Carolina at Asheville | NC | New material | undergraduate secondary | 230 | 8 |
| University of Notre Dame | IN | Mistake | graduate elementary | 327 | Program misclassified and removed from 2014 sample |
| University of Notre Dame | IN | Mistake | graduate secondary | 37 | Program misclassified and removed from 2014 sample |
| University of Rhode Island | RI | New material | undergraduate elementary | 107 | 71 |
| University of Rhode Island | RI | New material | undergraduate secondary | 152 | 113 |
| University of Tennessee | TN | New material | undergraduate elementary | Data insufficient to rank | 125 |
| University of Tennessee | TN | New material | undergraduate secondary | Data insufficient to rank | 8 |
| University of Texas at Arlington | TX | New material | undergraduate elementary | 260 | 88 |

| School | State | Reason | Program | Old Rank | New Rank |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| University of Texas at Arlington | TX | New material | undergraduate secondary | 389 | 293 |
| University of Texas of the Permian Basin | TX | New material | undergraduate elementary | 212 | 97 |
| University of Texas of the Permian Basin | TX | New material | undergraduate secondary | 399 | 265 |
| University of Virginia | VA | New material | graduate secondary | 98 | 5 |
| Warner Pacific University | OR | Mistake | undergraduate secondary | Rank not reported | Program no longer in operation; removed from sample |
| Winona State University | MN | New material | undergraduate elementary | 312 | 117 |
| Winona State University | MN | New material | undergraduate secondary | 178 | 50 |
| Wright State University | OH | New material | graduate secondary | 265 | 15 |
| Wright State University | OH | New material | undergraduate elementary | 312 | 27 |

Alternative Certification Providers:

| Provider | State | Reason | Type | Old Grade | New Grade |
|--|-------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Teach For America (Arkansas) | AR | New material | Secondary Certification | B | C |
| Training via E-Learning: An Alternative Certification Hybrid (TEACH) | TX | New material | Secondary Certification | D | D |
| YES Prep Public Schools: Teaching Excellence Program | TX | New material | Secondary Certification | C | B- |