



Standard 19: Rigor

What consumers need to know about teacher preparation

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

Teaching is an immensely challenging profession that requires teachers to satisfy a long list of school and curricular demands, meet ever-rising expectations for student performance on state tests, consistently find the instructional sweet spot in a class of diverse students, and make the right choices time after time when faced with a barrage of decisions. To be prepared for these challenges on day one, teachers need to have completed a sufficiently rigorous course of study that mirrors the tough job of teaching.

Our evaluation of institutions on this standard measures the rigor of their preparation as indicated by the grade point average (GPA) differential between graduating teacher candidates and all 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 the *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	●*	ID	Idaho State University	8	●
CT	University of Hartford	18	○*	ID	Lewis-Clark State College	7	●
CT	Western Connecticut State University	28	○	ID	Northwest Nazarene University	21	○
DC	American University	10	●	ID	University of Idaho	7	●
DE	Delaware State University	43	○*	IL	Augustana College	5	●
DE	University of Delaware	3	●*	IL	Aurora University	16	●
DE	Wilmington University	2	●	IL	Benedictine University	7	●*
FL	Bethune-Cookman University	2	●	IL	Blackburn College	30	○
FL	Daytona State College	9	●	IL	Bradley University	14	●*
FL	Edison State College	6	●	IL	Concordia University Chicago	19	●
FL	Florida Atlantic University ★	20	○*	IL	DePaul University	-13	●
FL	Florida Gulf Coast University	25	○*	IL	Eastern Illinois University	7	●*
FL	Florida International University	18	○*	IL	Elmhurst College	13	●
FL	Florida Southern College	-1	●*	IL	Governors State University	2	●*
FL	Florida State College at Jacksonville	-2	●	IL	Greenville College	10	●
FL	Florida State University	26	○	IL	Illinois College	2	●*
FL	Northwest Florida State College	-1	●	IL	Illinois State University	15	○*
FL	Southeastern University	28	○	IL	Illinois Wesleyan University	25	○*
FL	University of North Florida	31	○	IL	Knox College	-7	●
FL	University of South Florida	8	●	IL	Lewis University	33	○*
FL	University of South Florida St. Petersburg	9	●	IL	Loyola University Chicago	20	●
FL	University of West Florida	-5	●*	IL	McKendree University	42	○
GA	Albany State University	-1	●	IL	Millikin University	41	○
GA	Armstrong Atlantic State University	14	●*	IL	Monmouth College	-5	●*
GA	Augusta State University (Georgia Regents University Augusta)	-12	●*	IL	North Central College	12	●*
GA	Clayton State University	13	●	IL	North Park University	28	○*
GA	Columbus State University	17	●	IL	Northeastern Illinois University	7	●
GA	Covenant College	-19	●*	IL	Northwestern University	1	●*
GA	Dalton State College	4	●*	IL	Olivet Nazarene University	23	○
GA	Emmanuel College	5	●	IL	Rockford College	3	●*
GA	Georgia College and State University	20	●	IL	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	7	●*
GA	Georgia Southern University	26	○*	IL	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	17	○*
GA	Georgia State University ★	33	○*	IL	Trinity Christian College	-4	●
GA	Mercer University	14	●*	IL	University of Illinois at Chicago	19	●
GA	Middle Georgia State (Macon State) College	11	●	IL	University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign ★	0	●*
GA	Reinhardt University	14	●*	IL	Western Illinois University	10	●*
GA	University of Georgia	21	○	IL	Wheaton College	13	●
GA	University of North Georgia (Gainesville State)	16	●	IN	Ball State University	10	●*
GA	University of West Georgia ★	11	●	IN	Bethel College	28	○
HI	Brigham Young University – Hawaii	-14	●	IN	Butler University	12	●
IA	Briar Cliff University	-8	●*	IN	Calumet College of St. Joseph	52	○
IA	Central College	11	●*	IN	Franklin College	-7	●
IA	Clarke University	28	○	IN	Indiana State University	17	●
IA	Grand View University	38	○	IN	Indiana University – Bloomington ★	24	○*
IA	Iowa State University	5	●*	IN	Indiana University – Kokomo	3	●*
IA	Iowa Wesleyan College	12	●*	IN	Indiana University – Northwest	34	○
IA	Loras College	16	○*	IN	Indiana University – South Bend	-1	●*
IA	Luther College	-4	●*	IN	Indiana University – Southeast	-1	●
IA	Northwestern College	-9	●*	IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne	3	●*
IA	St. Ambrose University	29	○	IN	Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis	2	●*
IA	University of Northern Iowa	3	●	IN	Indiana Wesleyan University	14	●
IA	Wartburg College	22	○	IN	Marian University Indianapolis	-6	●*
ID	Boise State University	1	●	IN	Purdue University	0	●*
ID	Brigham Young University - Idaho	3	●	IN	Purdue University – North Central	15	●

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IN	Saint Mary's College	11	●	MI	Alma College	2	●*
IN	Taylor University	15	●	MI	Central Michigan University ★	13	●*
IN	University of Evansville	6	●*	MI	Ferris State University	17	●
IN	University of Indianapolis	14	●	MI	Lake Superior State University	18	○*
IN	University of Southern Indiana	17	●	MI	Michigan State University ★	-1	●*
IN	Vincennes University	-2	●	MI	Saginaw Valley State University	17	●
KS	Benedictine College	-1	●	MI	Spring Arbor University	-11	●
KS	Bethany College	22	○*	MI	University of Michigan – Flint	19	○*
KS	Emporia State University ★	16	●	MI	Wayne State University ★	11	●*
KS	Fort Hays State University	19	○*	MI	Western Michigan University	7	●
KS	Kansas State University	5	●	MN	Augsburg College	12	●*
KS	MidAmerica Nazarene University	32	○	MN	Bethel University	2	●
KS	Ottawa University	1	●*	MN	College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	0	●*
KS	Pittsburg State University	7	●	MN	Concordia College at Moorhead	1	●
KS	Southwestern College	3	●*	MN	Concordia University St. Paul	10	●
KS	Sterling College	26	○	MN	Gustavus Adolphus College	23	○
KS	University of Kansas	7	●	MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	15	●
KS	Washburn University	24	○*	MN	Southwest Minnesota State University	22	○
KS	Wichita State University	12	●*	MN	University of Minnesota – Duluth	7	●
KY	Campbellsville University	27	○*	MN	University of Northwestern – St. Paul	2	●
KY	Eastern Kentucky University	16	●	MN	Winona State University	19	●
KY	Lindsey Wilson College	14	●*	MO	College of the Ozarks	7	●
KY	Murray State University	38	○	MO	Evangel University	23	○
KY	Northern Kentucky University	12	●*	MO	Fontbonne University	-1	●*
KY	Union College	14	●	MO	Maryville University of St. Louis	7	●*
KY	University of Kentucky	2	●*	MO	Missouri Baptist University	12	●*
KY	University of Louisville	49	○*	MO	Missouri Southern State University	25	○
KY	Western Kentucky University	14	●*	MO	Missouri State University	11	●
LA	Grambling State University	-5	●*	MO	Missouri Western State University	7	●*
LA	Louisiana State University – Shreveport	0	●*	MO	Northwest Missouri State University	16	●
LA	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	-1	●*	MO	Park University	24	○
LA	Louisiana Tech University	11	●*	MO	Southeast Missouri State University	14	●*
LA	Nicholls State University	14	●	MO	Southwest Baptist University	0	●*
LA	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	30	○*	MO	St. Louis University	2	●*
LA	University of Louisiana at Monroe	18	●	MO	University of Missouri – Columbia	31	○
MA	Assumption College	18	●	MO	University of Missouri – Kansas City	3	●
MA	Boston College	-1	●*	MO	University of Missouri – St. Louis	29	○
MA	Bridgewater State University ★	7	●*	MS	Alcorn State University	-4	●*
MA	Emmanuel College	30	○	MS	Blue Mountain College	20	○*
MA	Fitchburg State University	34	○*	MS	Delta State University	12	●
MA	Framingham State University	13	●*	MS	Jackson State University	17	●
MA	Gordon College	13	●	MS	Mississippi State University	-2	●*
MA	Stonehill College	19	○*	MS	Mississippi Valley State University	9	●
MA	Worcester State University	4	●*	MS	University of Mississippi	5	●
MD	Hood College	6	●*	MS	University of Southern Mississippi	-2	●*
MD	Mount St. Mary's University	5	●*	MT	Montana State University	24	○
MD	Salisbury University	12	●*	MT	Montana State University – Northern	23	○
MD	Stevenson University	25	○	MT	Montana State University Billings	10	●
MD	University of Maryland – Baltimore County	10	●*	MT	University of Great Falls	33	○
MD	University of Maryland – College Park	-6	●	MT	University of Montana – Western	26	○
ME	Husson University	-2	●*	NC	Appalachian State University	24	○
ME	University of Maine at Farmington	14	●	NC	Catawba College	4	●
ME	University of Maine at Presque Isle	18	●	NC	East Carolina University ★	21	○*
				NC	Elizabeth City State University	22	○

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NC	Elon University	37	○*	NY	Roberts Wesleyan College	29	○*
NC	Greensboro College	22	○	NY	Siena College	13	●*
NC	High Point University	17	○*	NY	St. John Fisher College	26	○
NC	Lees-McRae College	32	○	NY	St. John's University	18	○*
NC	North Carolina A&T State University	26	○	NY	St. Thomas Aquinas College	17	●
NC	North Carolina Central University	46	○	NY	SUNY – College at Buffalo	38	○*
NC	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	21	○*	NY	SUNY – Fredonia	17	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Asheville	6	●	NY	SUNY – New Paltz ★	19	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	13	●*	NY	SUNY – Oswego	8	●*
NC	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	26	○*	NY	SUNY – Potsdam	4	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	27	○*	NY	SUNY College at Brockport ★	37	○
NC	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	39	○	NY	SUNY College at Cortland	15	●
NC	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	24	○*	NY	SUNY College at Old Westbury	7	●
NC	Western Carolina University	32	○	NY	Utica College	16	●
NC	Winston-Salem State University	38	○	OH	Ashland University	7	●
ND	Dickinson State University	15	●	OH	Baldwin Wallace University	11	●*
ND	Mayville State University	26	○*	OH	Bowling Green State University ★	9	●*
ND	Minot State University	21	○	OH	Cedarville University	10	●*
ND	North Dakota State University	12	●	OH	Central State University	21	○
ND	University of Mary	11	●	OH	Cleveland State University ★	17	○*
ND	University of North Dakota	13	●*	OH	College of Mount St. Joseph	7	●*
ND	Valley City State University	2	●*	OH	Heidelberg University	23	○*
NE	Chadron State College	6	●*	OH	Kent State University	36	○
NE	Doane College	3	●*	OH	Lake Erie College	20	○*
NE	Hastings College	5	●	OH	Malone University	32	○*
NE	Midland University	9	●	OH	Miami University of Ohio	8	●*
NE	University of Nebraska at Kearney	18	●	OH	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	13	●
NE	University of Nebraska Omaha	10	●*	OH	Muskingum University	-11	●*
NE	Wayne State College	16	●	OH	Ohio Northern University	14	●*
NH	Rivier University	1	●	OH	Ohio University	7	●*
NH	Southern New Hampshire University	27	○*	OH	Otterbein University	25	○*
NJ	Caldwell University	10	●	OH	Shawnee State University	28	○*
NJ	College of New Jersey	9	●	OH	University of Akron ★	8	●*
NJ	Kean University	26	○*	OH	University of Cincinnati	14	●
NJ	Monmouth University	18	○*	OH	University of Dayton	24	○
NJ	Rider University	23	○	OH	University of Findlay	22	○
NJ	Rowan University	9	●	OH	University of Mount Union	-4	●*
NJ	Seton Hall University	27	○*	OH	University of Rio Grande	28	○
NJ	William Paterson University of New Jersey	22	○	OH	University of Toledo	20	●
NM	Eastern New Mexico University	-8	●*	OH	Walsh University	12	●
NM	New Mexico Highlands University	11	●*	OH	Wittenberg University	10	●*
NM	New Mexico State University	5	●*	OH	Wright State University	17	●
NM	University of New Mexico ★	6	●	OH	Xavier University	-2	●*
NV	Nevada State College	14	●	OH	Youngstown State University	10	●*
NV	University of Nevada – Las Vegas	-2	●	OK	Cameron University	2	●
NY	CUNY – Brooklyn College	1	●*	OK	East Central University	4	●*
NY	CUNY – City College ★	8	●*	OK	Northeastern State University	15	●
NY	CUNY – York College	12	●*	OK	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	7	●
NY	Dowling College	6	●*	OK	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	6	●*
NY	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	-6	●*	OK	Oklahoma State University	-1	●*
NY	Houghton College	15	●	OK	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	-3	●
NY	Medaille College	10	●	OK	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	4	●
NY	Nyack College	21	○	OK	University of Central Oklahoma	5	●
NY	Pace University	12	●*	OR	Concordia University	-8	●

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OR	Corban University	23	○	SC	South Carolina State University	31	○*
OR	George Fox University	20	○	SC	University of South Carolina – Aiken	2	●
OR	Oregon State University	30	○*	SC	University of South Carolina – Columbia	22	○*
OR	University of Portland	0	●	SC	University of South Carolina – Upstate	11	●*
OR	Western Oregon University	29	○*	SC	Winthrop University	5	●*
PA	Alvernia University	26	○	SD	Augustana College	3	●
PA	Arcadia University	5	●*	SD	Black Hills State University	12	○
PA	Baptist Bible College and Seminary	26	○	SD	Dakota State University	3	●
PA	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ★	37	○	SD	Northern State University	30	○
PA	Cabrini College	29	○*	SD	South Dakota State University	12	○
PA	California University of Pennsylvania	39	○*	SD	University of Sioux Falls	10	○
PA	Carlow University	12	●*	SD	University of South Dakota	-5	●
PA	Cedar Crest College	54	○	TN	Austin Peay State University	2	●*
PA	Clarion University of Pennsylvania	14	○	TN	Carson-Newman University	-2	●
PA	Drexel University	1	●	TN	East Tennessee State University ★	6	●*
PA	Duquesne University	5	●*	TN	Freed-Hardeman University	2	●
PA	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	38	○	TN	Lee University	3	●
PA	Eastern University	14	●*	TN	Lipscomb University	15	○
PA	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania ★	33	○	TN	Middle Tennessee State University ★	22	○*
PA	Elizabethtown College	27	○	TN	Tennessee Technological University ★	12	●*
PA	Geneva College	19	○*	TN	Tennessee Wesleyan College	8	●
PA	Juniata College	16	○	TN	Trevecca Nazarene University	21	○
PA	Keystone College	17	○*	TN	University of Memphis	9	●*
PA	King's College	27	○	TN	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	16	○
PA	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania ★	24	○	TX	Abilene Christian University	16	○
PA	Lincoln University of Pennsylvania	12	○	TX	Angelo State University	5	●*
PA	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	3	●*	TX	Baylor University	13	○
PA	Lycoming College	16	○*	TX	Hardin-Simmons University	-1	●
PA	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	42	○	TX	Howard Payne University	8	●*
PA	Marywood University	5	●*	TX	LeTourneau University	-4	●*
PA	Mercyhurst University	8	●	TX	Lubbock Christian University	1	●*
PA	Messiah College	28	○	TX	Prairie View A&M University	4	●*
PA	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	14	○	TX	Sam Houston State University	5	●*
PA	Muhlenberg College	15	○	TX	St. Edward's University	9	●*
PA	Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg	44	○*	TX	Stephen F. Austin State University ★	28	○*
PA	Point Park University	17	○	TX	Sul Ross State University	-2	●*
PA	Saint Vincent College	6	●*	TX	Tarleton State University	6	●*
PA	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	45	○*	TX	Texas A&M University ★	19	○*
PA	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	26	○*	TX	Texas A&M University – Commerce	5	●*
PA	Temple University	1	●*	TX	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi	12	●*
PA	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	43	○	TX	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	-1	●*
PA	Valley Forge Christian College	1	●*	TX	Texas Christian University	15	○
PA	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	42	○*	TX	Texas State University - San Marcos	10	●*
PA	Widener University	9	●*	TX	Texas Tech University	28	○*
PA	Wilkes University	47	○	TX	Texas Woman's University	5	●*
PA	York College of Pennsylvania	30	○	TX	University of Houston	18	○*
RI	Roger Williams University	25	○*	TX	University of Houston - Clear Lake	0	●*
RI	Salve Regina University	15	○	TX	University of Houston - Victoria	15	○*
RI	University of Rhode Island	4	●*	TX	University of North Texas	9	●*
SC	Clemson University ★	21	○	TX	University of St. Thomas	8	●*
SC	Coastal Carolina University	26	○*	TX	University of Texas – Pan American ★	3	●*
SC	College of Charleston	2	●	TX	University of Texas at Arlington	34	○*
SC	Converse College	-16	●*	TX	University of Texas at Brownsville	0	●*
SC	Francis Marion University	5	●*	TX	University of Texas at El Paso	7	●*

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TX	University of Texas at Tyler	19	○*	WI	Lakeland College	39	○
TX	West Texas A&M University	26	○*	WI	Maranatha Baptist University	4	●
UT	Brigham Young University	3	●	WI	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire	33	○
UT	Dixie State College of Utah	8	●	WI	University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	24	○
UT	Southern Utah University	21	○	WI	University of Wisconsin – Madison	4	●*
UT	Utah State University	-3	●*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	6	●*
UT	Weber State University	6	●	WI	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh	37	○*
VA	Virginia State University	25	○*	WI	University of Wisconsin – Platteville	21	○*
VT	Castleton State College	19	●	WI	University of Wisconsin – River Falls	16	●
VT	Johnson State College	31	○	WI	University of Wisconsin – Stout	1	●*
VT	Saint Michael's College	19	●	WI	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater	19	○*
VT	University of Vermont	0	●	WV	Bluefield State College	25	○
WA	Central Washington University	20	●	WV	Concord University	14	●
WA	Eastern Washington University	18	●	WV	Fairmont State University	28	○
WA	Gonzaga University	4	●*	WV	Glenville State College	-2	●*
WA	Heritage University	14	●	WV	Marshall University	11	●*
WA	Northwest University	7	●*	WV	Shepherd University	10	●
WA	Pacific Lutheran University	31	○*	WV	West Liberty University	18	○*
WA	Seattle Pacific University	13	●	WV	West Virginia State University	15	●*
WA	Washington State University ★	44	○*	WV	West Virginia Wesleyan College	-7	●
WA	Western Washington University	9	●	WY	University of Wyoming	-4	●*
WA	Whitworth University	22	○				
WI	Concordia University Wisconsin	25	○				

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State	Institution
NY	Hunter College – CUNY
NY	CUNY – Lehman College
NY	CUNY– Queens College

Sample for this standard

Scores on this standard are provided for programs at 509 institutions. The score applies to all of an institution's undergraduate teacher preparation programs that are included in the *Teacher Prep Review 2014*. Of these programs at 257 institutions (50 percent of institutions) are scored using precise data, while programs at 252 institutions are rated using less precise data. Additional 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.

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

Although 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, aggregate findings in the Easy A's report and aggregate ratings from the Rigor Standard are largely but not perfectly aligned.



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