FSU Education Department Receives National Accreditation for all Licensure Programs

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More than 180 years after our founding as the nation's first public college for the education of teachers, Framingham State University's (FSU) Education Department continues to meet the highest national standards for teacher preparation.

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) recently voted to grant accreditation status to all of FSU's educator preparation programs at the initial licensure and advanced levels. The national accreditation runs through 2028.

"Framingham State has maintained a legacy of preparing the very best teachers in the Commonwealth and beyond," says FSU President F. Javier Cevallos. "National Accreditation distinguishes our programs as being among the best in the country. I'm so thankful to the faculty, staff and students who helped us earn this great achievement."

CAEP only grants national accreditation after examining every aspect of the department in order to ensure all standards are met. The standards reviewed include:

- Content and Pedagogical Knowledge
- Clinical Partnerships and Practice
- Candidate Quality, Recruitment, and Selectivity
- Program Impact
- Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

FSU Education Professor Dr. Kelly Kolodny served as the CAEP accreditation coordinator throughout the process.
"The Education Department is grateful for the dedication and time that went into this process from our colleagues in the arts & sciences, graduate programs, and our part-time adjunct faculty members," says Education Department Chair Dr. James Cressey. "Our students receive the highest quality of mentorship and guidance from classroom teachers in grades PreK-12 across the MetroWest region. Our clinical partnerships with school districts were an essential feature of this successful accreditation process."

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