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SUNO's College of Education receives reaffirmation of professional accreditation

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) received official notification this week that accreditation of the university's College of Education has been reaffirmed by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). With the notification, SUNO joins a limited number of colleges and universities in the nation that have received the distinction.

According to a document issued by NCATE, "Professional accreditation is one way to ensure the public schools of education are graduating well-qualified teachers ready for today's classrooms. (SUNO's College of Education) has proven its commitment to producing quality teachers for our nation's children by achieving accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of NCATE."

The document also states, "NCATE-accredited schools must meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. Teacher candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they plan to teach as well as the skills necessary to convey it so that the students learn . . . And the school, college, or department of education must have the resources, including information technology resources, necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards."

"In addition to demonstrating the ability to teach a diverse population, candidates who complete teacher preparation programs at NCATE-accredited institutions also understand the importance of working with families. These are qualities that school administrators seek when making hiring decisions about teachers," according to Dr. Mary Minter, Dean of SUNO's College of Education.

Institutions are required to go through the reaffirmation of accreditation process every five years. NCATE was founded in 1954 in order help establish high quality teacher preparation among institutions of higher learning.

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