

Preliminary Preconditions Report for Southern Connecticut State University

April 4, 2002

Status: Preconditions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 are met. Preconditions 5, 6, 7, and 9 are not met. Additional information must be submitted to NCATE by August 15, 2002.

Precondition	Required Documentation	Comments	Status of Precondition
1	1.1 Letter from Chief Executive Officer		Precondition #1 is met.
	1.2 Job description of unit head		
	1.3 List of programs offered	When preparing information for the Board of Examiners, it might be helpful to divide programs according to initial/advanced levels of preparation rather than graduate/undergraduate, because some graduate programs prepare candidates for their initial certification. Also, it might turn out that some programs (such as Community Counseling) don't fall under NCATE's scope of review.	
	1.4 Chart depicting unit structure and relationship to other units within the institution		
2	2.1 Organizational chart of teacher preparation programs		Precondition #2 is met.
3	3.1 Evidence of codified policies		Precondition #3 is met.
4	4.1 Vision and mission of institution and unit		Precondition #4 is met. The framework conveyed a good understanding of the program and was easy for the reader to follow.
	4.2 Unit's philosophy, purposes, and outcomes		
	4.3 Knowledge bases		
	4.4 Candidate proficiencies		
	4.5 Description of system for assessing candidate performance		

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5	Description of the unit's system for evaluation of its operations, quality of offerings, performance of candidates, and effectiveness of graduates	Although a system seems to be in place for candidate evaluation, the only description of unit evaluation is in the course evaluations and the surveys of graduates. It would be helpful if these attachments were supported by more narrative description.	Precondition #5 is not met.
6	Admission requirements	Admission requirements for advanced programs are not listed. Also, 1.0 is not clear; should "graduation" read "admission"?	Precondition #6 is not met.
7	Documentation of state program approval	What was the outcome of the 2001 review of the new graduate middle-grades program? Does the bilingual/TESOL program have state approval?	Precondition #7 is not met.
8	Submission of program reviews, if required		Precondition #8 is met.
9	Current institutional accreditation	The most recent letter is needed; did a review occur as scheduled in Fall 2001?	Precondition #9 is not met.

General comment: The web site is well organized, and it was easy to find needed information.