

## National panel reaccredits teacher education programs

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The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) has granted Alfred University's (AU) teacher education programs reaccreditation for a two-year period.

The determination was made by the Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and was granted without citing any areas for improvement or making any stipulations.

"The external reviewers from the TEAC/CAEP were impressed with the strong sense of community they observed in the teacher education programs at Alfred University," said Dr. Nancy Evangelista, associate provost and dean of the College of Professional Studies at AU. "They highlighted the impressive commitment of the faculty and staff to preparing teachers to meet the needs of pupils in diverse and inclusive educational communities. This praise is a well-deserved recognition of the relationships at Alfred which foster the personal and intellectual growth of students on their journey to become education professionals," she continued.

In addition, said Evangelista, "The efforts of the faculty, staff, and students in the Division of Education resulted in this significant accomplishment. The faculty in the Division of Education are leaders at Alfred in developing innovative educational practices and partnering with community schools and higher education institutions. These innovations resulted in the positive accreditation decision by TEAC and will continue to strengthen and expand Alfred's teacher education programs."

"Earning continued accreditation from the TEAC/CAEP is a significant accomplishment and the Division of Education is sincerely thankful to all of the individual administrators, faculty, staff, and students who made this reaccreditation possible," added Dr. David R. Terry, associate professor of education and chairman of the Division.

AU offers multiple four-year undergraduate programs which lead to certification as well as a one-year (30 credits) master's degree program which leads to a graduate degree in education and additional certification as a literacy specialist.

Students enrolled in these programs receive an integrated blend of professional course work and field-based opportunities and can be certified in New York State to teach younger students (pre-kindergarten through sixth grade), or middle/high school students.

Program options include early childhood/childhood; middle/adolescent (biology, chemistry, earth science, English, mathematics, physics, social studies, or Spanish); visual arts; business and marketing; and literacy birth-grade six.