



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Professional Education Unit

MEMO

To: Dr. Jean Boreen
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From: Cynthia Conn, PhD, Assessment & Accreditation Consultant

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Date: 10/29/2013

RE: NCATE accreditation implications of the BMed in Music Secondary Education proposed program changes

I write in my capacity as the Northern Arizona University Assessment & Accreditation Consultant for the Professional Education Unit which is accredited by NCATE. This review is in regards to compliance with NCATE/CAEP accreditation. The BMed in Music Secondary Education is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). NCATE recognizes programs accredited by NASM, and does not review music programs in this area separately. Based on the success of the BMed in Music Secondary Education NASM accreditation review process and the unit level or institutional accreditation process, the Arizona Department of Education does grant an institutional recommendation for this program. This memo addresses accreditation and state review issues only, and should not be construed as an endorsement of any proposed changes.

Additionally, this verification does not include evaluation of the content related assessments required by the NAU Professional Education Unit. However, there are still several assessment requirements noted in the NCATE/CAEP guidelines and established by the Professional Education Unit that are needed for the unit level or institutional accreditation report.

Accreditation Verification: The proposed program changes for the BMed in Music Secondary Education maintain documentation of candidate performance regarding institutional, state, and national level standards and criteria required for NAU's NCATE/CAEP and NASM accreditation status.

Rationale: The program change involves removing a reference to a cumulative GPA in Liberal Studies. This change does not affect candidates' ability to demonstrate State, NCATE/CAEP or Unit level standards. The proposed change does not jeopardize NCATE/CAEP accreditation.