



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Professional Education Programs

MEMO

To: Dr. Jean Boreen
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From: Cynthia Conn, PhD, Acting Assistant Vice Provost

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Date: 2/13/2014

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

I write in my capacity as the Northern Arizona University Acting Assistant Vice Provost for the Professional Education Programs 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 granted 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 Programs. However, there are still several assessment requirements noted in the NCATE/CAEP guidelines and established by the Professional Education Programs 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 adjusting required credit hours to include MUS 499 to better prepare Music Education students with expertise in a variety of areas. This change does not affect candidates' ability to demonstrate State, NCATE/CAEP or Unit level standards. Based on the documentation, the proposed changes appear to align with better preparation of Music Education students and NASM requirements. Arizona Department of Education specifically recognizes programs with NASM accreditation in the Music Education certification requirements.