



# Recommendations for Professional Education Unit & Licensure Programs

Board Meeting July 22, 2016

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**Approval Process**

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# History of Process

- Since **1989** we have used standards set by national accrediting agency as foundation of reviews.
- Policy is implemented by the Department
- Review teams are managed by
  - Office of Educator and Licensure, or
  - National Accrediting Agency

# Comprehensive Reviews

- Review once every 7 years
- Steps:
  1. Off-site review of evidence
  2. Off-site report (national accreditation process only)
  3. On-site visit (3-4 days)
  4. Continue to review existing and consider new evidence
  5. Preliminary findings meeting (exit interview)
  6. Final Report
  7. Reviews affirmed by additional council

# Timeline

April 2, 2012	Bethel requested to delay regularly scheduled state-managed review	Planning to seek national recommendation
April 9, 2012	Department approved request to delay	
June 4, 2013	Bethel requested to delay scheduled accreditation visit	Rationale: “restructure that is impacting School of Education”
Sept. 2, 2013	Bethel notified Department that it would no longer be seeking national accreditation; requested state-managed review	
Nov. 2013	Department facilitated state-managed review	Standard 2 and 5 not met; Focused Review required

# Timeline

June 17, 2014	Commissioner's Advisory Council met	Concurred with state-managed review
April 19-21, 2015	Focused review with team of two reviewers	Standards met with identified weaknesses
June 18, 2015	Commissioner's Advisory Council met	Concurred with outcome
June 23, 2015	NCATE issued off-site report	Cited multiple serious concerns
July 23, 2015	Department recommends the board defer action	
July 24, 2015	Board defers action	
July 27, 2015	Department notifies Bethel	

# Timeline

October 2015	On-site NCATE accreditation visit	Standards 1 and 2 not met
Undated	Bethel submitted rejoinder	
Dec. 28, 2015	Review team chair responded to rejoinder	
May 10, 2016	National accrediting agency notified Bethel	Issues accreditation for 2 years + stipulations
May 25, 2016	Department begins internal review	
July 5, 2016	Department completes internal review	
July 7, 2016	Department notifies Bethel regarding Board recommendation	Recommends denial



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