

CAEP Accreditation

The Philander Smith University's current CAEP Accreditation Status and Reviewed Programs

The Division of Education at Philander

Smith College (PSC) received notice of accreditation from the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) (CAEP) for seven years, from 2020 to 2027. The following program was included: Elementary Education K-6. The program was approved at the Initial Licensure Level, and the accreditation period is from April 27, 2020, through April 2027.

The Division of Education at Philander Smith University is a CAEP-accredited Educator Preparation Provider that prepares culturally competent teachers who understand, model, and demonstrate a commitment to rigorous national standards for teaching and to improving teaching and learning for students in diverse urban and rural settings through face to face instruction, clinically supervised demonstration of pedagogical proficiency, technology-enhanced lessons and multiple measures of quality. In the Summer of 2023, Philander Smith College earned university status and became Philander Smith University.

The national CAEP accreditation indicates that we successfully prepare new teachers to know their subject area, serve diverse groups of students, have meaningful preservice experiences, and use data to drive targeted program improvement. CAEP accreditation ensures quality through external annual reviews.

<https://www.philander.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/division-of-education/education-accreditation-2025/>