2017 – 2018 Continuing Approval Review Report

Introduction

A 5-year Continuing Approval Desk Review was conducted by Kerri Elzie of the South Texas College (108-707) educator preparation program (EPP) on April 22, 2019. Per 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §228.10(b), an entity approved by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to certify educators shall be reviewed at least once every five years. South Texas College was originally approved as an EPP on July 28, 2006.

Olivia De La Rosa is the program Legal Authority, and Lori Trevino is the primary EPP contact for the 2017-2018 review. South Texas College is an approved alternative certification program that offers classroom teacher certification. The EPP reported 9 program finishers for the 2016-2017 reporting year and 3 finishers for 2017-2018. The EPP did not admit any new candidates in the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 academic years since they are closing the program on August 31, 2019.

Candidate records were reviewed for 10 classroom teacher candidates. The results were discussed with EPP staff on April 30, 2019. Attending from the EPP were: Olivia De La Rosa and Lori Trevino.

Results

1. Admission requirements, as identified in 19 TAC Chapter 227, were met by all candidates. Related data were accurately reported to the Texas Education Agency; however, it should be noted that there were variations in the official admission dates across several candidates’ records. [19 TAC §227.17 and §229.3]

2. A review of candidate records revealed that candidates who obtained standard certification were reported accurately for each year of enrollment; however, several candidates were reported as enrolled for multiple years without obtaining certification, and continued to be listed as enrolled, even though they will not be able to complete the program prior to the EPP’s closing date. [19 TAC §229.3]

3. Candidate records for internships indicate that all observation data reported in ASEP were accurate when compared with related documentation in candidate records, and that candidates received supervision that exceeds expectations. [19 TAC §228.35(g), §229.3]

4. A review of candidate records revealed that all candidates who received standard certificates met requirements as identified in 19 TAC Chapter 230.

Next Steps

The EPP will submit evidence to TEA that deficiencies in these areas have been corrected on or before 9/1/2019:
• Ensure that candidate status is accurately reported to TEA; and

• Follow established EPP closure procedures. [19 TAC §228.15]