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Rationale/Background:

CAEP's approval with the HTSB is valid until February 28, 2026 (read [New Business Item 20-28](#)). Attached are the letters from iteach requesting a Good Cause extension, along with CAEP's response to that request.

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Good Cause Extension Request Form

Completed by EPP

EPP: iteachU.S.A.	
Requested By (Name and Title): Katherine Legreid, Ed.D Senior Manager of Accreditation & Compliance	Contact Information (e-mail): Katherine.legreid@iteach.net
Scheduled Visit Semester: Spring 2026	Scheduled Visit Type (e.g. Continued, First): Continued: Initial Level First: Advanced Level
Requested New Visit Semester: Spring 2027	Requested Length of Extension: ___ one semester __x__ one year

CAEP maintains a 7-year accreditation cycle. The semester of the visit following a rescheduled visit will be based on the original Scheduled Visit Semester.

Please note that programs selecting the SPA review option with National Recognition will be scheduled to submit the initial SPA review reports three years prior to the final approved site visit date. Under specific circumstances, when the accreditation cycle is reduced to five years (e.g. state requirement, good cause extensions that reduce the time to site visits in the subsequent accreditation cycle), the programs will be scheduled to submit the initial SPA review reports two years prior to the site visit.

Basis for Requesting a Good Cause Extension*:

State or federal standards or legislation requiring significant programmatic change

Substantive changes – please see Policy V.4.01: Substantive Change for details

Other extenuating circumstances such as, an Act of God, natural disaster, or civil unrest

**CAEP reserves the right to approve or deny requests for Good Cause Extension. The EPP must provide sufficient justification to demonstrate need for an extension. CAEP reserves the right to adjust the length of the extension based on the nature of the request.*

Submit this completed form along with:

EPP Rationale: By EPP leadership explaining the basis for the request.

State Support: Written approval or acknowledgement of the request from the state contact.

GCE Fee: \$750 per semester extension

Submit GCE documentation via email to:

ben.frattini@caepnet.org

March 5, 2025

CAEP Accreditation Office

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
1140 19th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

Subject: Request for Good Cause Extension

Dear CAEP Accreditation Office,

I am writing to formally request a good cause extension for our accreditation site visit and associated processes. After reviewing CAEP's policies and procedures and discussing the matter with the iteach team, we initially understood that participation in the Advanced-Level review was optional. Our interpretation was based on language in the Policies and Procedures document (pg. 12, 16), which suggested that an Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) could choose whether to submit Advanced-Level programs for review.

Furthermore, an April 2019 Agreement to Participate in the Advanced-Level Virtual Review Process reinforced our understanding. The section titled "Consequences for Failure to Adhere to the Terms of this Letter" indicated that if an EPP did not submit Advanced-Level programs for review, accreditation at the Advanced-level would lapse. This language suggested that participation in Advanced-Level review was optional rather than required.

In light of recent clarifications, we understand the CAEP expectations to submit for both Initial-Level and Advanced-Level review and are committed to fulfilling all necessary requirements.

Therefore, we respectfully request a good cause extension to ensure that we have sufficient time to complete the required steps for the review. We appreciate your consideration and guidance in this matter and are eager to work collaboratively to meet CAEP's accreditation standards.

Please let us know if additional documentation or information is required to support this request. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Andrew Rozell
President
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March 6, 2025

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Andrew Rozell, President
Katherine Legreid, Ed.D
Senior Manager of Accreditation & Compliance

Dear Mr. Rozell and Dr. Legreid:

Thank you for your recent request for a Good Cause Extension received on March 5, 2025. This letter serves as approval of a one-year GCE from Spring 2026 review to Spring 2027 provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1) ITEACH must notify states in which they operate of the request for extension and provide an assurance to CAEP the notifications were handled and any objections or questions from the states were resolved. Please note that states in which ITEACH operates will also have the option to have an observer as part of the accreditation process.

This letter also serves as notice of a policy waiver for Policy V.5.01(d) which requires an EPP requesting a Good Cause Extension to provide CAEP with a letter of support for the request from the state, country, or other governing authority under which the EPP operates. As CAEP does not have a state partnership agreement with Texas in effect, I am waiving that requirement.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Christopher Koch, Ed.D.
President
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

CAEP Response to Request for Good Cause Extension

Completed by Staff and Submitted in AIMS

EPP: iteachU.S. (TX)	
Reviewed By: CAEP Leadership	Contact Information: ben.frattini@caepnet.org
Scheduled Visit Semester: Spring 2026	Previous Visit Type: Continuing
Requested Visit Semester: Spring 2027	Requested Length of Extension: One Year

Request Approved

Approved New Visit Semester: Spring 2027	Approved Length of Extension: <input type="checkbox"/> one semester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one year <input type="checkbox"/> two years
Semester of Following Visit: Spring 2033	CAEP maintains a 7-year accreditation cycle. The semester of the visit following a rescheduled visit will be based on the visit semester originally scheduled by the Accreditation Council.

Basis for Granting the Extension:

- State or federal standards or legislation requiring significant programmatic change
- Substantive changes – please see CAEP Accreditation Policy 6.02: Substantive Changes for details (see Policy XIII, Substantive Change)
- Other extenuating circumstances such as, an Act of God, natural disaster, or civil unrest

Please note that in order to grant this request, CAEP President Koch has waived the state approval requirement of Accreditation Policy V.5.01(d) in the attached letter and requires an assurance to CAEP that all relevant states were notified of the request for a Good Cause Extension and any objections or questions from states were resolved.

Please contact Ben Frattini (ben.frattini@caepnet.org) if you would like to discuss the basis for this decision further.