

January 19, 2024

Via Email with delivery/read receipt

Halil Tas
North American University

Dear Dr. Tas:

This is official notification that TEA staff has received your request for an informal review. This request was received 12/8/2023 and evaluated 12/8/2023. It was acknowledged 12/8/2024.

Our understanding of your request is as follows:

Program alleges the proposed recommendation is not reasonably supported by a preponderance of the evidence per 19 TAC §229.7(c)(2)(E).

Program asserts that Indicator 4b was evaluated with data from surveys that were incorrectly included the data set for Indicator 4b in 2022-2023. Program further asserts that the data set for Indicator 4b from 2021-2022 incorrectly included data. Program notes that this is relevant because of the small group aggregation for Indicator 4b in 2022-2023 incorporates data from 2021-2022.

Program requests reevaluation of Indicator 4b with a limited set of data.

Your original recommended status was as follows:

Accredited - Probation (Year 1)

Based on the results from this review, your final recommended status is:

Accredited

A description of the process and findings of the informal review is included in the attachment.

Pursuant to 19 TAC §229.7(e), this review will result in a final recommendation. This final recommendation is not subject to another informal review.

As described in 19 TAC §229.7(f)(2), as this final recommendation does not propose a revocation of approval of an EPP to recommend candidates for educator certification, the final recommendation will be submitted to SBEC for consideration of a final order.

Please share this information with appropriate members of your staff. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at Mark.Olofson@TEA.Texas.gov or (512) 463-8911.

Sincerely,

Mark Olofson
Director, Educator Data, Research, and Strategy

cc: Emily Garcia, TEA
Marilyn Cook, TEA
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Attachment 1
Methods and findings from informal review

Informal Review Disposition

12/12/2023

North American University (101725)

Analysis indicated that EPP failed to meet standard for Indicator 4b on the following groups: All EPP requested a review of the data to exclude individuals that exceeded the total number of standard certified for the year and for the 2021-2022 academic year. We re-analyzed 2021-2022 data, and combined the results. Updated values are found in the table below.

Our findings are as follows for indicator 4B:

	Initial Results				Updated Results			
	Number of Individuals Passed	Total Individuals	Percent	Indicator Status	Number of Individuals Passed	Total Individuals	Percent	Indicator Status
All (1)	12	14	86	Did not meet standard	6	6	100	Small Group Exception
Female (2)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data
Male (3)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data
African American (4)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data
Hispanic (5)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data
Other (6)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data
White (7)	--	--	--	No Data	--	--	--	No Data

Updated Calculations in the Index

Based on the updates above, the index calculation now is as follows:

Demo Weights		6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indicator Weight		All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Other	White
4	Indicator 1a	Small Group	Small Group	Small Group	No Data	No Data	No Data	Small Group
2	Indicator 1b	Small Group	Small Group	Small Group	No Data	No Data	No Data	Small Group
1	Indicator 2	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
3	Indicator 3							
3	Indicator 4a	Met	Met	Met	No Data	No Data	No Data	Met
	Indicator 4b	Small Group	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
2	Indicator 5	Small Group	Small Group	Small Group	No Data	No Data	No Data	Small Group
Points Earned		All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	White	Other
	Indicator 1a							
	Indicator 1b							
	Indicator 2							
	Indicator 3							
	Indicator 4a	18	3	3				3
	Indicator 4b							
	Indicator 5							
Points Possible		All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	White	Other
	Indicator 1a							
	Indicator 1b							
	Indicator 2							
	Indicator 3							
	Indicator 4a	18	3	3				3
	Indicator 4b							
	Indicator 5							
Total Points		27						
Total Possible		27						
Percentage		100.00%						

Change to Recommended Status: Accredited

As the results of the review indicate that the All group has 10 or fewer candidates for evaluation. As a result the small group exception rules are invoked and no evaluation is rendered for the exit survey all group.

The change resulted in North American University earning 27 points out of 27 total possible points. This exceeds the 85% threshold established in TAC §229.4(b)(1)(A). We recommend a status of Accredited for the 2022-23 academic year.

Prior Status: ACCREDITED-PROBATION (YEAR 1)

Updated Status: ACCREDITED