



# The College of Education

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## A Brief History of Accreditation and Program Approval for USF St. Petersburg and the College of Education

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2001	The Florida Legislature mandates that USF St. Petersburg, a branch campus of USF Tampa since 1964, seek separate SACS accreditation and its professional areas of business and education seek separate professional accreditation.
February 14, 2003	The Florida DOE grants initial program approval of the MA in Elementary Education (K-6)/ESOL endorsement (Dual Track), a program offered only at USF St. Petersburg.
July 1, 2003	The administrative structure of USF St. Petersburg changes. The institution hires its own CEO, three vice chancellors, three academic deans, and creates three academic colleges -- Education, Business, and Arts and Sciences.
June, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate SACS accreditation granted for USF St. Petersburg</li> <li>• Until SACS accreditation was granted, all educator preparation programs offered at the USF St. Petersburg Campus were approved under the umbrella of the main campus at USF Tampa.</li> <li>• Programs offered at USF St. Petersburg will be submitted for initial program approval by Spring 2008 (i.e., September 12, 2006 letter from Betty Blue, DOE)</li> <li>• Separate Title II reports from USF St. Petersburg will not be required until all programs receive initial program approval and initial NCATE accreditation (i.e., September 12, 2008 letter from Betty Blue, DOE).</li> </ul>
March 19, 2006	The Florida Legislature passes Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C. All state approved programs are required to demonstrate alignment with the new competencies by August 31, 2008.
October 20, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College of Education's Preconditions approved by NC ATE</li> <li>• Initial NCATE/DOE joint site visit scheduled for February 2008</li> </ul>
November 14, 2007	The NCATE/DOE site visit rescheduled to September 20-24 2008, to correspond with the submission of initial program approval folios under new competencies September 1, 2008 (i.e., correspondence with DOE/NCATE).

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<p>January, 10 2008</p>	<p>DOE confirms (i.e., letter from Kathy Hebda, DOE) that the following programs offered by the USF St. Petersburg College of Education will be submitted for initial program approval by the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEd. in Educational Leadership (submitted under new rule requirements by June 1, 2008);</li> <li>• B.A. in Education with certification in Exceptional Student Education (K-12) and Elementary Education (K-6) with ESOL and Reading Endorsements (submitted under new rule requirements by February 1, 2008)</li> <li>• MAT in Exceptional Student Education (K-12)/ESOL Endorsement (submitted under new rule requirements by September 1, 2008);</li> <li>• M.A. in Reading Education (K-12) (submitted under new rule requirements by September 1, 2008);</li> </ul> <p>The M.A. in Elementary Education (K-6)/ESOL endorsement (Dual Track) program is the only continually approved program to be reviewed at the site visit in September of 2008 (i.e., January 10, 2008 letter from Kathy Hebda).</p>
<p>July 10, 2008</p>	<p>The SACS Commission on Colleges continues USF St. Petersburg's accreditation for good cause and puts the institution on probation for 12 months to give it time to address standards CS 3.51 and FR 4.1.</p>
<p>August 4, 2008</p>	<p>The B.A. in Education with certification in Exceptional Student Education (K-12) and Elementary Education (K-6) with ESOL and Reading Endorsements receives initial program approval from the DOE. The first students will be admitted in September 2009.</p>
<p>August 14, 2008</p>	<p>NCATE/DOE pre-visit with DOE and NCATE team chairs, DOE staff, the Dean of the College, and the college's NCATE Coordinator</p>
<p>August 21, 2008</p>	<p>NCATE postpones its site visit for initial accreditation to September of 2009 because of the institution's probation by SACS. Accreditation for the College of Education, under the umbrella of USF Tampa's NCATE accreditation, is extended through December 31, 2009.</p>
<p>September 21- 24, 2008</p>	<p>DOE continuing approval site visit to review the M.A. in Elementary Education/ESOL (Dual Track)</p>

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