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[New accreditation standards adopted to ensure quality in educator preparation](#)

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has adopted the next generation of accreditation standards for educator preparation. The standards are based on evidence, continuous improvement, innovation, and clinical practice to ensure accredited providers are preparing educators that are classroom-ready and demonstrably raise learning for all students.

“These standards demonstrate CAEP’s commitment as the new, sole specialized accreditor of educator preparation to innovation and continuous improvement based on data and evidence,” said Mary Brabeck, Chair of the CAEP Board of Directors and Gale and Ira Drukier Dean of the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. “CAEP’s approach to accreditation will further professionalize the field. The new standards demand the use of quality evidence in the continuous improvement of educator preparation, as well as in the evaluative accreditation process.”

Illinois Superintendent of Schools Christopher A. Koch has been selected as the vice-chair of CAEP’s inaugural Board of Directors. CAEP is a newly formed nonprofit that replaces the National CATE and TEAC to accredit educator-preparation programs. In his [September 3 Weekly Message](#), Koch shared, “During the CAEP Board of Directors meeting last week, we adopted new accreditation standards for educator preparation programs. The evidence-based standards focus on continuous improvement, innovation, and clinical practice. The new standards will require preparation programs to raise expectations for entrance into the programs significantly, calling for accepting only the top third of students taking the ACT, SAT, or GRE by 2020.”

The approved standards are posted [online](#) and will be required for all educator preparation providers with self-study reports due in 2016, although providers may choose to seek accreditation under the new standards sooner. Further guidance will be available in January 2014.

[IBHE-FAC Symposium: Delivering Higher Education in Five Years](#)

On September 20, the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council is presenting a symposium on delivering higher education in five years from now. The symposium will feature brief presentations by several distinguished speakers followed by a panel discussion. It will take place from 9:30 a.m. until Noon at the iHotel and Conference Center in Champaign.

Issues of interest include: New means for delivering course content, how effective might they be? How do we ensure maintaining quality and accreditation in light of new models of delivering contents? How do we ensure affordability and accessibility in light of financial challenges facing higher education?

Space is available on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information about IBHE-FAC or this symposium, please contact: Prof. Abbas Aminmansour, FAC Chair, at AAmin@Illinois.edu.

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER

- 7 [IBHE-SAC Meeting](#), DePaul Center Building, Chicago
- 13 [“PARCC 101”](#)
Bloomington/Normal Marriott
- 13-14 [ICCTA Board of Representatives](#) and Committee Meetings, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield
- 16 [Illinois Student Assistance Commission Meeting](#), James R. Thompson Center, Chicago
- 20 [Illinois Community College Board Meeting](#), Black Hawk College, Moline
- [IBHE-FAC Meeting](#), iHotel, Champaign

[NCES releases new data and report from the 2011-12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study](#)

This First Look publication from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) provides the first results of the 2011–12 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:12), the most comprehensive, nationally representative survey of student financing of postsecondary education in the United States. The survey includes about 95,000 undergraduate and 16,000 graduate students attending 1,500 postsecondary institutions in the 50 states and the District of Columbia (prior cycles of NPSAS also included institutions from Puerto Rico). The report describes the percentages of students receiving various types of financial aid and average amounts received, by type of institution attended, attendance pattern, dependency status, and income level.

[People in the News](#)

The Illinois House Republicans announced the unanimous election of [Rep. Jim Durkin](#) as the new Leader of the House Republican Caucus on August 29. He will take over for Rep. Tom Cross. Durkin served in the House from 1995-2003, and rejoined the chamber in 2006. Prior to his service in the General Assembly, Durkin was an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, and an Assistant Attorney General. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and The John Marshall Law School.

Governor Quinn has appointed [Nikki Zollar](#) of Chicago to the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University. She is the President and CEO of Triad Consulting Services, Inc. and also the President of SafeSpeed, LLC. Ms. Zollar is a former Director of the Illinois Department of Financial Regulation and holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from The John Hopkins University. Quinn also appointed [Joel Sambursky](#) of Carbondale to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University. He is President of Liberty Wealth Management, LLC, currently on the Board of Directors for the Carbondale Community Arts and is a former president and executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sambursky - Southern Illinois University's quarterback from 2002-2005 - was inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame in 2012, for having led the Salukis to three straight football conference championships and appearances at the NCAA National Playoffs. Mr. Sambursky holds a M.B.A. and B.S. from Southern Illinois University. Both appointments were announced on August 30.

Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and U.S. Congressman [Ray LaHood](#) has been named the first Honorary Senior Distinguished Fellow for the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service (IPL) at Bradley University. Through his appointment, former Secretary LaHood will participate in national public policy symposiums on Bradley's campus and guest lecture to Bradley students.

[Campus News](#)

[Veterans, service members get first chance at registration at Rend Lake College](#)

Veterans and service members will be the first to register for Spring 2014, classes at Rend Lake College, thanks to a new regulation which gives priority registration to those who serve.

For purposes of the Illinois Public Community College Act, a service member is defined as any Illinois resident who is a member of any component of the United States Armed Forces, including the Reserves, or the National Guard, of any state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the United States, and who is eligible to receive military educational benefits. A veteran is defined as an Illinois resident "who was a service member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge." Another amendment to the Illinois Public Community College Act allows those using benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, to be considered in-district residents for tuition purposes. In-district tuition will be \$95 per credit hour in Spring 2014, as opposed to \$148.50 for out-of-district residents and \$150 for out-of-state residents.

"We are excited to give this opportunity for early enrollment to our veterans and service members. They deserve it," said Lisa Price, Vice President of Student Services at RLC. "We welcome anyone who qualifies to call us and get started on a degree or certificate program."

[Loyola University Chicago's commitment to environmental sustainability expands with new academic institute](#)

Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability, the first academic program of its kind in the Midwest, is opening at a September 6th ribbon cutting event. The Institute will prepare students for careers in policy, land management, conservation and restoration, environmental science, business, sustainable food systems, and public health care, making them responsible stewards of our environment and its resources. The Institute is headquartered in a new, state-of-the-art facility on the Lake Shore Campus that includes clean energy and biodiesel production labs, a green house, two aquaponics systems, an Ecodome, classrooms, and a 412-bedroom residence hall. Designed by architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), the Institute's new home boasts a number of cutting-edge sustainable features, including the largest geothermal heating and cooling installation in Chicago, rainwater harvesting, and high-efficiency heat-recovery technology.

[Danville Area Community College recognized as a leader in the national student completion movement](#)

Danville Area Community College (DACC) has been named a leader in the national student completion movement by Achieving the Dream for showing evidence of measurable improvements in student achievement. DACC, one of eight institutions designated as a 2013 Leader College, is showing promising progress in its student success efforts, proving that a concerted effort on broad faculty engagement, professional development, and an overall culture change at the institution is producing tangible results by increasing student persistence and closing achievement gaps.

[Morton College receives *Illinois Jobs Now!* funds for classroom addition](#)

Governor Pat Quinn announced, on September 4, a \$4.5 million investment from the *Illinois Jobs Now!* program to build a 10-classroom addition at Morton College. The college is the largest, two-year public Hispanic-serving institution east of the Mississippi River, and the new addition will help them accommodate a steadily increasing enrollment that has reached the capacity of the Cicero campus.

[News from Higher Education](#)

[Higher ed leader says President's plan reflects Illinois efforts](#) (WUIS.org)

President Obama has plans for higher education in the U.S. His ideas are a mix of old and new, aimed at keeping college affordable for students but also trying to raise the bar on quality of instruction. In Illinois, some of what the President wants is already part of the landscape. The Illinois Board of Higher Education's Executive Director says some of the other changes the President is pushing won't be so easy.

[Hispanic enrollment in U.S. colleges up 15 percent](#) (Reuters)

Enrollment by Hispanics in U.S. colleges rose 15 percent from 2011 to 2012, even as the overall college population declined, according to a new report on college enrollment from the U.S. Census Bureau.

[Leaner and meaner](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

Round two of the battle over gainful employment regulations has begun.

[Study: Associate's degrees and technical certificates can yield more than 4-year degrees](#) (Stateline.org)

Students who earn associate's degrees and occupational certificates often earn more in their first year out of college than those with four-year college degrees.

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