

**Memorandum of Understanding Between  
The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and  
The Louisiana Department of Education  
February 22, 2008**

NCATE will grant a waiver of two years for the submission of program reports by Louisiana's alternate route programs in which candidates must possess an undergraduate degree and have passed a content test for admission. This waiver will apply to Louisiana institutions hosting accreditation visits through Fall 2010. Institutions covered under this waiver include:

Louisiana State University at Alexandria (visit in fall 2009)  
University of Louisiana at Monroe (visit in fall 2009)  
Louisiana State University in Shreveport (visit in spring 2010)  
Louisiana Tech University (visit in spring 2010)  
Our Lady of Holy Cross College (visit in spring 2010)  
McNeese State University (visit in fall 2010)  
Dillard University (visit in fall 2010)  
Xavier University of Louisiana (visit in fall 2010)

Institutions hosting visits in 2008 or 2009 who have previously submitted alternate programs for national review, but whose alternate programs may not have been recognized will not have those programs cited in the BOE report as Areas for Improvement.

Institutions hosting accreditation visits in Spring 2011 and afterward will be required to submit their alternate route programs for national program review. If the assessments used for the alternate route programs are the same as for traditional programs, a single program report can be submitted.

This two-year waiver for Louisiana institutions will provide institutions an opportunity to develop a second content assessment that will assist them in knowing that candidates meet the content standards of professional associations. Examples of content assessments currently being used by institutions include comprehensive examinations, research projects, portfolio tasks, and grades if candidates majored in the content area. The following links provide examples of assessments and program reports that have been submitted:

- <http://www.ncate.org/institutions/assessmentExamples.asp?ch=90>
- <http://www.ncate.org/institutions/programReportSamples.asp?ch=37>
- <http://www.ncate.org/institutions/ExPgmRepSection.asp?ch=90>

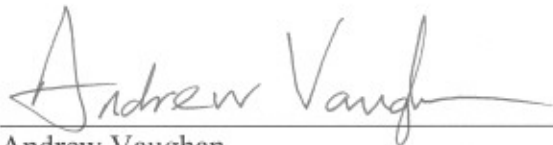
The following link is the table that must be submitted if the institution uses grades in a transcript analysis: <http://www.ncate.org/institutions/GuidelinesGrades.asp?ch=90>.

This Memorandum of Agreement was developed and agreed to by the following representatives of the two agencies.



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