

NCATE PROGRAM REVIEW UPDATE – SPRING 2007

Welcome to the Program Review newsletter. In this issue:

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NCATE INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAM REVIEW ONLINE SYSTEM

Frank Huang, NCATE



On December 15, 2006, NCATE successfully launched its state of the art online Program Review System (PRS). This spring, approximately 100 program reports were submitted using the new system; by fall 2007, PRS will fully replace the old online program review system.

In the fall issue of the Program Review newsletter, I described five major improvements to the system to help reviewers, audit teams and SPA coordinators complete their work more efficiently. The improvements were:

- **Collaborative content information**
- **Enhanced team communications**
- **Personal work space for each team player**
- **Complete review work online**
- **Sophisticated report function**

I am pleased to inform you that all of these improvements have been included in the release of PRS.

The illustration below shows the improved system’s reviewer/lead reviewer workspace. The new release will use different URLs for each review cycle and allow users to visit different review cycles by way of a drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows the NCATE Program Review System interface. At the top, it says "NCATE" and "Program Review System". Below that, it says "Welcome, Kay Wohhuter | Log off | Help" and "Download Adobe Reader". The main heading is "Program Review As Reviewer/Lead Reviewer for National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)". There is a dropdown menu for "Semester" set to "S07". The interface displays a table with the following columns: Inst/Program Name, Team, Form View, Program Report (Previous, Current), Reviewer 1 Report, Reviewer 2 Report, Lead Reviewer Report, Auditor Report, Final Report (Previous), and Recognition Decision. The table lists three institutions: Oklahoma Wesleyan University Teacher Education Council, Buffalo State College Teacher Education Unit, and Grambling State University College of Education/Teacher Education. Each row shows the status of reports and recognition decisions.


Inst/Program Name	Team	Form View	Program Report	Reviewer 1 Report	Reviewer 2 Report	Lead Reviewer Report	Auditor Report	Final Report	Recognition Decision
			Previous	Current	Report	Report	Report	Previous	Decision
Oklahoma Wesleyan University Teacher Education Council									
1 Secondary Math Education				02/01/2007	04/01/2007	03/00/2007			Unfinished
Buffalo State College Teacher Education Unit									
1 Mathematics Education Secondary				01/01/2007	04/04/2007	04/01/2007			Unfinished
Grambling State University College of Education/Teacher Education									
1 Secondary Mathematics				02/01/2007	04/01/2007	03/00/2007			Unfinished
Total: 3 in 3 School(s)									

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Program reports submitted by institutions will be available in PDF format with attachments. Just one click will download the entire report. Reviewers will be able to view team members' draft or submitted reports by clicking on the corresponding icon.

For reviewers working on revised reports or responses to conditions, PRS will provide access to original program reports. This feature will save reviewers a great amount of time, compared to the old system, which required users to go to a different site to download the original report.

Finally, the new system will send users a reminder when report submission deadlines are near. Reviewers will be notified via e-mail from NCATE about each program review assignment and when team members submit their reports.

Users are encouraged to log into PRS and read the help center by clicking the  icon located in the top right corner of the screen. This will provide an understanding of the basic functions of PRS. NCATE also provides live training sessions via video conference. Web conferences may be viewed by going to www.ncate.org. Click *Program Reviewers*, followed by *Resources for Reviewers* and finally *Archived Web Conferences*. If you wish to participate in a live web conference, please contact Deidre Alves at Deidre@ncate.org.

Reviewers who have received assignments in PRS and use the system are encouraged to provide comments and feedback or express concerns by contacting Frank Huang at frank@ncate.org.

PROGRAM REVIEW WEB CONFERENCE SERIES



As you may know, NCATE's own Deidre Alves has conducted a series of live web conferences focused on Program Review and training for program reviewers. This has been a very successful endeavor. In fact, Deidre has several web conferences scheduled over the next couple of months.

<u>Web conference</u>	<u>Target Audience</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
NCATE/NAEYC SPA Collaborative	NAEYC Reviewers	4/10	3:00pm
NCATE/NCTM SPA Collaborative	NCTM Reviewers/Institutions	TBD	TBD
NCATE/NSTA SPA Collaborative	NSTA Reviewers/Institutions	TBD	TBD
NCATE/NASPE SPA Collaborative	NASPE Reviewers	TBD	TBD
PRS Tutorial	Institutions	5/16	2:00pm
Final Audit Procedures	SPA Coordinators	5/18	2:00pm

Please contact Deidre at (202) 266-7496 or at Deidre@ncate.org for more information about upcoming conferences. If you missed any of the previous web conferences, you may view them online at the following page:

<http://www.ncate.org/programreview/progRevWebConferences.asp?ch=37>

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE

Shari Francis and Amy March, NCATE

Did you know...

Thirty-nine states have now adopted or adapted NCATE Program Review Standards and apply them to all of their institutions? States are increasingly recognizing that NCATE's program standards have evolved to represent a professional consensus for what new teachers should know and be able to do and are linked to P-12 student standards.

And...

Twenty-nine states now delegate their program review system to NCATE for the institutions that seek NCATE recognition. This eliminates duplication of effort and saves money for the institutions and for the states by conducting one review that can be used for both national accreditation and state approval.

NCATE recognizes that the program review system is the "heart" of the system for assuring that educators know the subject matter and how to teach it. More and more states are taking the steps that show they agree.

PROGRAM REVIEW TIMELINE

Spring 2007

March 1-April 1 – Program reviewers are notified of program review assignments; program review teams complete individual reports; lead reviewers complete final team reports

April 1-May 15 – SPA audit teams review and finalize reports

May 16-June 30 – NCATE staff finalizes reports and posts reports to website

July 1 – NCATE notifies institutions that final reports are available

TRIVIA WINNER



Congratulations to Russ Killingsworth for correctly answering the trivia question from the fall 2006 edition of the Program Review newsletter. Russ is an assistant professor of mathematics at Seattle Pacific University. For correctly answering the trivia question, Russ will receive a copy of *Spotlight on Schools of Education-Institutional Responses to NCATE Standards 1 and 2* by Antoinette Mitchell, Sheila Allen and Pamela Ehrenberg. The question and answer are as follows:

Question: You find yourself up very late working feverishly at your computer as you review your program report assignment. You see that the program has only two program completers. All assessments and scoring guides are adequately aligned with your SPA's standards. This is a relatively new program and they only submit one semester of data for each of the assessments. The data are not good. The two candidates have scored at unacceptable levels on more than half of the assessments. Faculty have discussed their concerns about the data in Section V and have outlined appropriate steps to deal with the issue. What would your final decision be?

Answer: Nationally Recognized with Conditions

Again, congratulations, Russ!

REMINDER

As Program Review grows and more institutions are submitting program reports to NCATE, there is a growing need for program reviewers. If you know of persons interested in reviewing program reports, please contact the appropriate specialized professional association or feel free to simply forward their information to NCATE.

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