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Rigorous Process Affirms University's Role as Educator of Professional Teachers and Administrators

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University School of Education recently received accreditation for its educator-licensing programs under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards. NCATE's performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation ensures that teacher candidates are prepared to make a difference in pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade (P-12) student learning environments.

“A rigorous, comprehensive assessment process aligned with national standards confirms that we are preparing our students for excellence in improving P-12 student achievement in our community and throughout North Carolina,” reported Dr. Jeff Hamilton, director of assessment for the Gardner-Webb University School of Education.

Providers accredited under NCATE standards, as well as those accredited under the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Quality Principles, are now served by the single specialized accreditation system for educator preparation in the United States, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). More than 900 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP accreditation system.

A leader in preparing educators in North Carolina, Gardner-Webb University graduates approximately 200 professional teachers and administrators each year. The GWU School of Education offers a learning environment that supports Christian values in the classroom, and students gain valuable professional preparation to both succeed in their careers and help their future students thrive in school. Hundreds of GWU graduates currently serve in a variety of roles in educational institutions throughout the state of North Carolina and beyond. For more information about programs offered within the Gardner-Webb University School of Education, visit gardner-webb.edu.

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (www.CAEPnet.org) advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 student learning.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).