

# FAU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION NATIONALLY ACCREDITED



Thanks go out to Dean Bristor (pictured far right), faculty, staff and the Core Working Group - pictured above left to right: John Hardman, Eliah Watlington, Barbara Ridener, Robert Shockley, Patty Heydet-Kirsch – for this prodigious accomplishment.



The College of Education at Florida Atlantic University recently received accreditation for seven years from fall 2015 to fall 2022 through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the single specialized accreditor for educator preparation in the United States.

“We are among the first educator preparation program providers in the country and the very first in Florida to earn this accreditation,” said Valerie J. Bristor, Dean of the College of Education. “Faculty decided to undergo the new accreditation process in order to lead in meeting new rigorous standards. This is a tremendous accomplishment for the College of Education.”

The College of Education at FAU is also one of the most diverse in Florida’s State University System. The College prepares educators and educational professionals to serve six public school districts, among which are two of the largest and most demographically diverse districts in the nation, Broward and Palm Beach County School Districts. The College comprises seven departments offering 44 undergraduate and graduate degree programs with 344 faculty and adjunct faculty, and over 4,000 students. The College oversees four University public laboratory schools whose three-fold mission is to be a demonstration site for teacher education; develop curricula; conduct research. These schools cover all levels of P-20 education, from an early childhood education and research center to a dual enrollment high school. In addition, the College includes Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, which provides extension services in environmental education to the Broward and Palm Beach County Schools and the broader community; the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities which provides expert consulting, training and support, at no charge, for people with autism and related disabilities, their families and the professionals serving them; and the Communication Disorders Clinic which offers diagnostic and treatment services for a wide variety of communication disorders.

More than 900 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP accreditation system, which also serves all providers previously accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).