

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS Faulkner University

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted their Class B Elementary Education (K-6) and Class A School Counseling (P-12) programs for review June 11, 2020, and were granted conditional approval through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted their Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6) program for review June 11, 2020, and was granted probationary approval until June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University resubmitted their Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6) program documenting compliance with Alabama State Board of Education (ALSBOE) standards and was granted approval until June 30, 2023, to allow time for the program to meet reading course requirements in the *Alabama Literacy Act*; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted their Class B Physical Education (P-12) program for review in 2021 and was approved with conditions until June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted a request to develop programs for Class B Music, Choral (P-12); Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12); Class B Computer Science (6-12); Class B English Language Arts (6-12); Class B General Science (6-12); Class B General Social Studies (6-12); Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12); Alternative Class A General Science (6-12); and Alternative Class A General Social Studies (6-12) in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University previously deactivated these programs prior to the comprehensive review process to address the standards of the ALSBOE and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and

WHEREAS, the ALSBOE authorized review of the programs requested in January 2023 during the May 2023 board meeting; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted all programs for review during the August 2023 CIEP review session except Class B Computer Science (6-12), Class B General Science (6-12), and Alternative Class A General Science (6-12); and

WHEREAS, during the program review all programs submitted were deemed met pending a few clarifications; and

WHEREAS, a review team visited Faulkner University for discovery and clarification on October 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University was able to address all concerns during the onsite review of programs and documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University had their last accreditation review by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) April 2019; and

WHEREAS, the CAEP visit for Faulkner University resulted in them receiving full accreditation with the next visit scheduled for Spring 2026; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e. revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the Alabama Literacy Act and the recommendations provided by Barksdale Institution for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Faulkner University and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the Alabama Literacy Act requirements and recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University is engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until January 31, 2031:

Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B General Social Science (6-12)
Class B Music, Choral (P-12)
Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Class B Physical Education (P-12)
Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Social Science (6-12)
Class A School Counseling (P-12)

Done this 11th day of January 2024