



QUALITY



CHANGES IN STANDARDS AND UPDATES

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION REGARDING UPCOMING REVIEW AND ACTIONS RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARD 11

The U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the public have all voiced recent concerns with consumer protection and assurance of quality outcomes in higher education, and the transparent reporting of those outcomes by institutions and accreditors. As such, the CAATE is accountable to ensure that the programs they accredit are achieving suitable minimum programmatic outcomes. For these reasons, the Commission set a Standard (Professional Standard 11) requiring a minimum three-year aggregate first-time BOC exam pass rate of 70%. Notification of this Standard was released in the summer of 2012 and programs were notified that they must be compliant with the Standard by July 1, 2013. In March of 2014, the Commission announced that, at its February 2016 meeting, it would consider Probationary action for professional programs not in compliance with Standard 11.

In an effort to be transparent with our stakeholder programs, the Commission has developed the following decision making algorithm that will be used in considering accreditation actions related to Standard 11.

ACTIONS AT FEBRUARY 2016 CAATE MEETING:

All programs with a 3-year aggregate first time pass rate below 70% are non-compliant with Standard 11 and will be placed on Probation. Programs placed on Probation for non-compliance with Standard 11 will be required to complete both an analytic progress report and an action plan. The analytic progress report and the action plan must both be submitted on or before June 1st. To access the full official communication release, including details regarding the analytic progress report, action plan, and intended Commission actions in 2017 & 2018, click [HERE](#).

PARTICIPATION IN OPEN COMMENT

Thank you to all who participated in the recent open comment opportunities for changes to outcomes standards and faculty qualification standards. The feedback is currently being reviewed by the Standards Committee. We appreciate all who took the time to provide us with valuable feedback