



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Dr. Rebecca Wardlow, Dean
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Dear Dean Wardlow:

I am writing to inform you that on January 29, 2026, the Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of **Accreditation with Stipulations** to United States University and its credential programs. On the basis of this decision, the institution is authorized to offer the following programs:

Preliminary Multiple-Single Subject with Intern
Bilingual Added Authorization – Spanish

The following stipulations were placed on the institution. Within one-year United States University will:

1. Provide evidence that the institution provides the unit with sufficient resources for the effective operation of each educator preparation program admission, advisement, field-based supervision and clinical experiences. (Common Standard 1.4)
2. Provide evidence that the Unit Leadership has the authority and institutional support required to address the needs of all educator preparation programs and considers the interests of each program within the institution. (Common Standard 1.5)
3. Provide evidence that the unit and all programs collaborate with their partners regarding the criteria and selection of clinical personnel, site-based supervisors and school sites, as appropriate to the program. (Common Standard 3.3)
4. Provide evidence that site-based supervisors selected are certified and experienced in teaching the specified content or performing the services authorized by the credential. (Common Standard 3.5, 3.6 and MS/SS Program Standard 3.D)
5. Provide evidence that site-based supervisors are receiving the required 10 hours of training, oriented to the supervisory role, evaluated and recognized in a systematic manner. (Common Standard 3.7 and MS/SS Program Standard 3.D)

6. Provide evidence that the program ensures that district employed supervisors remain current in the knowledge and skills for candidate supervision and program expectations. (MS/SS Program Standard 3.D)
7. Provide evidence that the required 600 hours of clinical practice are completed and verified as appropriate activities by the program. (MS/SS Program Standard 3.A)
8. Provide evidence that the education unit develops and implements a comprehensive continuous improvement process at the unit level that identifies program and unit effectiveness and makes appropriate modifications based on findings. (Common Standard 4.1)
9. Provide evidence that the unit regularly and systematically collects, analyzes, and uses candidate and program completer data as well as data reflecting the effectiveness of unit operations to improve programs and their services. (Common Standard 4.3)
10. Provide a seventh-year report and host a focused revisit.

In addition:

- The institution's response to the preconditions is accepted.
- The institution is not permitted to propose new programs until all stipulations are removed.
- United States University continues in its assigned cohort on the schedule of accreditation activities as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at chickey@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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