

ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT

An official record of actions taken by the AAQEP Accreditation Commission

University of the Virgin Islands School Counseling Program

St. Thomas, VI December 2022

ACTION

Based on examination of the case record, including the Quality Assurance Report and the Quality Review Team Report, the AAQEP Accreditation Commission makes the following determination regarding the school counseling program of the University of the Virgin Islands:

Х	ACCREDIT - The Accreditation Commission finds that the provider/program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a full term of seven years.
	ACCREDIT WITH NOTE - The Accreditation Commission finds that the program meets all AAQEP standards and is accredited for a full term of seven years with the notations specified below.
	PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION - The Accreditation Commission finds that the AAQEP standards are met but risk failing to be met, for reasons specified below.
	DO NOT ACCREDIT - The Accreditation Commission finds that the provider/program does not meet AAQEP standards and does not qualify for accreditation for reasons specified below.

TERM

The accreditation term takes effect immediately and lasts through **December 31, 2029**, or until the University of the Virgin Islands ceases to be a member in good standing of AAQEP, whichever is earlier. Annual Reports are due by December 31 of each year, with the first report being due December 31, 2023. In addition, please refer to AAQEP's <u>substantive change policy</u> for guidance on program changes that must be reported.

RATIONALE

The Commission evaluated the program's evidence for each AAQEP standard and determined that all four standards are met. Completers of the school counseling program are prepared to work effectively as professional educators who are able to adapt to different contexts and to grow professionally. A grow-your-own approach and a commitment to accessibility and inclusion attract candidates from across the Caribbean.

The program thrives by adapting to overcome challenges related to its geography, weather, staffing, and enrollment trends. A concerted investment in robust and durable data systems exemplifies its commitment to sustaining and improving quality, putting systems in place to support ongoing analysis of program evidence and revisions to benefit candidates. The program collaborates closely with stakeholders and partners to strengthen the P-20 education system throughout the region.

STANDARDS REPORT

Standard	Met	Not Met
Candidate/Completer Performance - Program completers perform as professional educators with the capacity to support success for all students.	Х	
2. Completer Professional Competence and Growth - Program completers adapt to working in a variety of contexts and grow as professionals.	Х	
3. Quality Program Practices - The program has the capacity to ensure that its completers meet Standards 1 and 2.	Х	
4. Program Engagement in System Improvement - Program practices strengthen the P-20 education system in light of local needs and in keeping with the program's mission.	Х	

CONCERNS AND CONDITIONS

Concerns are minor problems or shortcomings related to one or more aspects of a standard and must be addressed in the provider's next Annual Report(s). Conditions are more significant problems that threaten to undermine one or more of the standards and may result in a shorter accreditation term or require resolution before accreditation takes effect.

Standard	Notation	Remedy and timeline
	No concerns or conditions	

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

This action includes the following program:

Degree or Certificate granted by the institution	Certificate granted by the Virgin Islands Board of Education
Master of Arts, School Counseling	School Counselor

NOTE: Accreditation actions are based on examination of the case record, including the provider's Quality Assurance Report (self-study) and the Quality Review Team Report. Decisions are the sole responsibility of the AAQEP Accreditation Commission and may not be modified by staff or quality assurance reviewers.