

January 4, 2024

Dr. Pradeep Dass, Dean
University of Texas-Tyler
3900 University Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75799

Dear Dr. Dass,

This is official notification that the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) has renewed the approval of the University of Texas-Tyler to continue to operate as an approved educator preparation program in Texas. This action was approved at the December 8, 2023 meeting of the SBEC.

The regular periodic review of an approved EPP is required in TEC §21.0443 and codified in 19 TAC §228.10(b). The periodic review is designed to ensure that the EPP is adequately preparing candidates for educator certification and meeting the standards and requirements established by the SBEC. Your continuing approval review, conducted on April 1-June 8, 2023, was part of the 2022-2023 review cycle. The next time your program is scheduled to receive a regular periodic review will be as part of the 2027-2028 review cycle; however, a discretionary review may be conducted by TEA staff at any time as needed per [19 TAC §228.10\(b\)](#).

TEA congratulates you and your team on the EPP's continued approval. We recognize that this accomplishment comes as the result of the time, energy, and effort the EPP has invested to reach this point. We look forward to continuing to work with the University of Texas-Tyler on preparing educators to effectively serve Texas students.

Please share this important news with appropriate members of your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me at lorrie.ayers@tea.texas.gov or (512) 936-2166 or your assigned education specialist.

Sincerely,

Lorrie S. Ayers

Lorrie S. Ayers, Director, EPP Management

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