

1. **We recently approved a reduced-credit bachelor's degree option for Elementary Education K-8 and Special Education Generalist K-12. Pending approval by the college system board and the Higher Learning Commission, it will be offered starting in Fall 2026. More details to come if/when we receive our final required approvals.**
2. Our Master of Arts in Teaching program has started well with approximately 30 students enrolled in either certification-only or full degree pursuits.
3. Policy changes were successful this summer, resulting in our ability to accept more prior credits for our graduate program, both internally and as transfer.
4. Our program is evaluating additional means of gathering data on the effectiveness of our teachers after they leave our program for our improvement efforts. We may be reaching out to your teachers and principals, requesting participation in various activities on this topic. We piloted some student feedback last Spring and plan to continue evaluating this measure. [Standard R4.1 Completer Effectiveness (Pages 34-35)]
<https://caepnet.org/~media/Files/caep/accreditation-resources/caep-2022-standards-workbook-final.pdf?la=en>
5. We are excited to offer some new education-focused dual credit courses with Chadron Public Schools this year! If you are interested in exploring more dual enrollment opportunities in education or otherwise, please reach out to us. The additional distance learning facilities and equipment could be tremendously helpful to justify what would have been small classes for courses like Introduction to Teaching if you can share personnel using DL in innovative ways.