

May 30, 2018

Dr. James M. Harder  
President  
Bluffton University  
1 University Drive  
Bluffton, OH 45817

Dear Dr. Harder:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on April 30, 2018 and I am pleased to inform you that the following accreditation status has been granted:

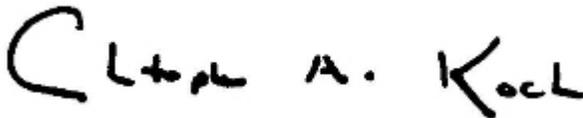
The Education Department at Bluffton University is granted **Accreditation** at the initial-licensure level with no areas for improvement (AFIs).

Included with this letter are two subsequent documents:

- 1) The Action Report provides details of the accreditation status.
- 2) Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation provides further information on the Council's decision process and provider responsibilities during the accreditation term.

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. I appreciate your commitment to excellence in educator preparation accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report, Certificate of Accreditation (sent to provider leadership), and Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation

cc: Dr. Gayle M. Trollinger, Education Department  
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