

Unit Councils

The COEAC is an action body and its role includes, but is not limited to:

- Overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of policies regarding candidate admission, faculty development, and program design for C&I, EDL, and KSLs.
- Defining and reviewing objectives of teacher preparation programs to ensure alignment with the university's mission and goals, state and national standards and the standards of Specialized Professional Associations.
- Directing and approving changes in sequencing professional education courses.
- Identifying the curriculum needed for certification of specific endorsements or initial certification programs.
- Reviewing and revising the curriculum as needed.
- Recommending how professional education and Unit faculty can enhance their modeling of best practices.
- Setting policies, as needed, to ensure alignment with the Louisiana Components of Effective Teaching, the Standards for Educational Leaders in Louisiana, SPA standards and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002.

The PK-16+ Council is an advisory body and its role includes:

- Reviewing and advising COAC on issues pertaining to professional education programs.
- Facilitating recruitment to professional education programs.
- Serving as the liaison link to partner communities.
- Reviewing assessment data and recommending data-driven improvements.
- Bringing together the various reform efforts in the PK-16+ systems into a more comprehensive whole.
- Creating cross-institutional relationships to use data for improvements and gain collaborative commitments.
- Working to improve the preparation of new teachers and creating effective support for existing ones; and designing more effective support for candidates so that standards are met by all.

The dean serves as the chairperson of the COEAC and as the official representative of the university's professional education programs. The dean and the Councils exercise their responsibilities in the governance, development, and promotion of all aspects of professional education. The COEAC members include the department heads (C&I, EDL and KSLs), directors (OPLE, CARE), LEC representative, and license specialist. Members of the PK-16+ Council include content faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, Unit faculty, PK-12 administrators and faculty, community leaders, business leaders, retired educators, representatives from local education agencies and candidates (Exhibit). The dean, and the Councils exercise their responsibilities in the governance, development, and promotion of all aspects of professional education as evidenced by proposal(s) review by the COEAC and submitted to the PK-16+ Council for review and recommendations; review of assessment data to determine specific needs for program improvement.

