

**Clinical Advisory Council
Educator Preparation Programs
Eastern Connecticut State University
2024-2025**

The Clinical Advisory Council is comprised of representative stakeholders from regional and local school districts and child development centers. The purpose of the council is to collaborate with the Eastern EPP to review, evaluate, and provide guidance for the continuous improvement of teacher preparation courses, assessments, and clinical experiences.

Goals of the Clinical Advisory Council

The following are the goals of the Clinical Advisory Council:

1. Participate in a collaborative review of educator preparation programs, including clinical experiences, and present commendations and recommendations to faculty and administrators.
2. Collaborate with the EPP to construct, review, evaluate, and validate candidate assessment instruments.
3. Interpret candidate performance data in collaboration with the educator preparation faculty to support program improvement.
4. Share current needs and pedagogical trends to integrate into preparation course work.

Procedures

1. **Composition of the council.** Representative clinical partners are invited and appointed by the Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies to join the council from the following groups: early childhood, elementary, middle school, physical education, and secondary teachers, and administrators.
2. **Council terms of service.** Each council member will serve a one-year term but may be reappointed at the discretion of the Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies.
3. **Additional members for special projects.** Other professionals with distinct areas of expertise (e.g., reading or math specialists, family service providers) may be invited to participate on the council in a given year to guide work on specific annual goals adopted by the EPP.

4. **Facilitator.** The Coordinator of Educational and Clinical Experiences or designee will coordinate the activities of the council and facilitate meetings.
5. **Meetings.** The Council will meet at least once per semester and individual contributions and feedback may be solicited from council members as needed. EPP faculty representing the programs, CARE committee and the Assessment committee will participate in the meetings to share, work in collaboration and discuss program improvements.
6. **Formal report of the council.** The facilitator will produce an annual report on the Council's meetings including the overall recommendations and commendations of its members.