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## UMD RECEIVES 10-YEAR APPROVAL FOR LICENSING OF TEACHERS

Duluth -- The teacher education programs at the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) have received a 10-year continuing approval from the Minnesota Department of Education. Approval by the Department is necessary for a college or university to license teachers in the State of Minnesota.

According to Larry K. Bright, dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions at UMD, the unconditional approval was awarded after a nine-member team visited the UMD campus in late March. UMD's teaching programs were evaluated in 24 areas and Bright was recently informed of the team's decision.

"The unconditional approval means we will continue to grant teaching degrees on the graduate and undergraduate level for another 10-year period," Bright explained. "The evaluation was complete and thorough and we are very happy with the findings. We take pride in the areas singled out for praise and we take seriously the critical need to obtain the resources for continuing an excellent teacher education program.

"This program review is one of several accrediting procedures used at UMD and in this College to maintain program responsiveness to changing knowledge, technologies, and national needs for educators."

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The final report cited UMD's institutional commitment to teacher licensure. The report concluded: "The institution's most recent Mission and Policy Statement, adopted by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents on July 11, 1980, clearly outlines a commitment to the preparation of persons for teacher licensure. The 80-year history of teacher preparation at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, along with the central administration's decision to make teacher education the focus of the reorganized grouping of human service preparation programs, further attests to the University's commitment to teacher preparation."

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