

Evaluation of the Operation of the Unit
Stephen F. Austin State University

- Course evaluations-web based evaluations conducted every semester a course is taught, including those taught by part-time faculty. There is a standard COE form used and candidates anonymously complete the form near the end of each semester. Evaluations are compiled and the results are used for faculty evaluation purposes and for individual faculty member to reflect on and make improvements in their teaching.
- Candidate surveys-Each candidate completes a survey at the end of their program. This information is used to evaluate program effectiveness as perceived by the candidate.
- Alumni follow-up surveys-The Educator Certification Office conducts the survey and results are compiled and shared with departments for program review. The survey was sent in Spring 2006 and then will be sent every two years.
- Employer surveys-The Educator Certification Office uses focus group surveys to seek feedback on the quality of graduates. The survey, which has been used in the past, will now be distributed every two years.
- Educator Competency Test Results-The Texas State Board for Educator Certification requires all educators to take certification exams. The data from these exams is compiled and shared with candidates and departments for program review. The certification exam information is also used by the state for institutional accreditation decisions.
- Annual faculty evaluation-Each year every faculty members submits a Faculty Activity Report. Department chairs evaluate each faculty member and reviews his/her evaluation with him/her. These evaluations are submitted to the dean for review and later used for merit, tenure, and promotion reviews. Faculty members use the results to improve their teaching, research and service.
- COE Leadership Team-reviews the budget and allocation of funds with the dean annually.
- The Teacher Education Council-Reviews policies and procedures as they relate to candidate proficiencies and makes recommendations for change.