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The University of Dayton's undergraduate program preparing future high school teachers is among the best in the nation, ranked in the top 10 percent by the National Council on Teacher Quality.



The council evaluated more than 700 undergraduate programs across the country based on admission standards, subject-area preparation, requirements for courses on instructional methods, guidance on how to manage a classroom, and whether programs provide and ensure the high quality of practice opportunities.

The University of Dayton's secondary school program in teacher education was in the 95th percentile, indicating it is evidence-based and informed by the best available research, according to the council.

"This recognition honors the extraordinary dedication of our faculty to ensuring that every graduate from our program is ready to be an outstanding teacher," said School of Education and Health Sciences Dean Kevin Kelly.

The Teacher Prep Review, released today, includes national recommendations that would help more programs emulate the success of the University of Dayton and others in the top 10 percent. The full report is available on the council's website at nctq.org.

"At a time when fewer than half of the nation's teacher prep programs successfully show future teachers both what to teach and how to teach it, it's great to see programs like those at the University of Dayton proving that there is a better way," said Kate Walsh, president of NCTQ. "Programs in our top 10 percent understand that their most important

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job is to deliver well prepared teachers to classrooms, by paying a lot of attention to the nuts and bolts of what it takes to become effective.”

The recognition is the latest for the School of Education and Health Sciences. In April, College Choice ranked the school’s elementary education program as one of the 30 best bachelor’s programs in the nation. The ranking was based on reputation, affordability and a 2016 National Council for Teacher Quality report. *U.S. News & World Report* also recognized the University for offering one of the best online graduate education programs in the nation.

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