



## The CAATE is making a BIG Announcement!

### **CAATE Accreditation Cycle Change**

Effective academic year 2010 -2011, the CAATE will implement a new accreditation cycle that will impact the amount of time the ATEPs and their respective institutions have to prepare the Rejoinder. The new cycle will also impact the due date for Self-Studies.

#### *What Are the Benefits of the Cycle Change?*

All participants (e.g. Program Directors, University Administrators, CAATE Committees, CAATE Board and Staff) are afforded the time to:

- ❖ Develop and submit a complete and quality Self-Study;
- ❖ Review and provide feedback consistent with the Standards;
- ❖ Make consistent accreditation decisions; and
- ❖ Continuously support and improve the quality of ATEPs so that students receive a quality educational experience.

#### *What are the specific changes?*

- ❖ For all ATEPs that have a Self-Study due in the academic year 2010 – 2011 cycle, the Self-Study will be due July 1, 2010.
- ❖ The Site Visits for the 2010 -2011 cycle will occur between September 13, 2010 and March 18, 2011.
- ❖ The due date for all Rejoinders will be May 2, 2011.
- ❖ The Commission will meet in August of each year to make accreditation decisions.
- ❖ In August 2009 (a couple of months from now), the CAATE Office will provide a formal notification to programs that fall within the 2010 – 2011 cycle.

The accreditation cycle change is in response to our constituents' request for more time to improve the ATEP accreditation process. Over time, our goal is to continue to identify opportunities to implement efficient and relevant accreditation processes that meet the needs of all those using and benefiting from the ATEP accreditation services. Stay tuned for more information.