

## Cornerstone University EPI Score 2018-2021

### Summary:

In 2021, Cornerstone University's Education Preparation Program (EPP) earned an Educator Preparation Institution (EPI) score of 88.7. The state average (89.1) is .4 points above CU's score. CU's previous scores had ranged from 89.9 in 2018 to 90.8 in 2019 and 2020. Apart from this year, scores have consistently been above the state average. CU's Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) scores have also been higher than the state average every year including 2021. Table 1 includes CU and MI average EPI scores in the following categories: MTTC, Teacher Effectiveness (EFF), and Surveys.

Table 1

*Cornerstone University and MI Average EPI Scores*

	2018		2019		2020		2021	
	CU	MI	CU	MI	CU	MI	CU	MI
MTTC	<b>92.5</b>	88.7	<b>92.3</b>	87.8	<b>94.1</b>	89.9	<b>90.0</b>	89.2
EFF	<b>80.4</b>	80.4	(80.49)*	--	<b>81.2</b>	82.3	<b>80.8</b>	81.6
Survey	<b>95.5</b>	95.5	<b>90.2</b>	94.6	<b>95.6</b>	96.0	<b>94.1</b>	94.2
<b>EPI Score</b>	<b>89.9</b>	88.3	<b>90.8</b>	90	<b>90.8</b>	89.8	<b>88.7</b>	89.1

\*In 2018, MDE revised the business rules for EPI performance scoring, and 88.6 was used as the EFF score for every institution. 80.49 was the actual EFF score CU earned.

In 2021, CU's scores were lower than the state average in EFF and slightly lower in Surveys. 2020 is the first year that CU's EFF scores had been below the state's average, which indicates that fewer CU graduates in their first three years of teaching are receiving effective or highly effective ratings than teachers graduating from other Michigan institutions. CU's 2021 EFF score (80.8) did not improve from 2020 and was lower than the current state average. CU's Survey score for 2021 was 1.5 points lower than the previous year and .1 point lower than the state average.

In conclusion, CU's 2021 EPI scores are lower than previous years and lower than the state average in all areas except MTTCs. In 2021, MDE approved a new methodology for measuring EPI performance that includes the following categories: Candidate Selection & Completion (CSC), Knowledge & Skills for Teaching (KST), Performance as Classroom Teachers (PCT), and Robust Clinical Experiences (RCE). Table 2 provides CU's performance score and data. Although this does not replace the 2021 EPI Performance Score results (Table 1), the data may provide additional insight into CU's EPI performance.

According to the new EPI performance score calculation, CU earned an overall performance score of 97.8% (88 out of 90 points) with full points in all categories except KST. CU earned 23 out of 25 points in the Mastery of Teaching Subjects subarea which measures MTTC three year cumulative scores, MTTC subject group scores, candidate teaching skill, and candidate rating of program. There may be a discrepancy with the lowest score (3 out of 5 points) in the MTTC subject group scores. CU earned 0% passing rate in Career Focus; however, CU does not offer any certification programs in the Career Focus group (Agricultural Ed, Family/Consumer Sci, Industrial Tech, or Business Mgt Mrkt Tech); therefore, a teacher candidate would not be able to be certified even if he or she passed an MTTC in that area.

Overall, findings based on the new performance score calculation may suggest that when Cornerstone is measured by multiple indicators performance is high across all categories.

Table 2

*2021 Cornerstone University EPI Score Based on New Methodology*

KEI Category	Indicator	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Candidate Selection & Completion (CSC)	Teaching Promise	5	5
Knowledge & Skills for Teaching (KST)	Mastery of Teaching Subjects	25	23
	Candidate Teaching Skill	15	15
	Candidate Rating of Program	10	10
Performance as Classroom Teachers (PCT)	Impact on P-12 Student Learning	15	15
Robust Clinical Experiences (RCE)	Candidate Placements	4	4
	Candidate Rating of Opportunities	4	4
	All Survey Response Rates	6	6
	Program Partnership Strength	6	6

Institution Total (out of 90 points)	88	97.8%
Status	Met cut of 77%	