



John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio
Board of Regents

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY School Business Manager License

Request: Ashland University requests continued approval for a graduate-level program of study leading to the School Business Manager License.

Profile: Ashland University is a private, non-profit institution located in Ashland, Ohio with satellite locations in Columbus, Cleveland, Elyria and Massillon. Ashland University has more than 2200 undergraduate students and 3800 graduate students pursuing study at the associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral level.

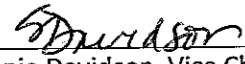
Accreditation/Authorization: The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Ashland University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until the next review in 2016. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution until its next scheduled review in 2018.

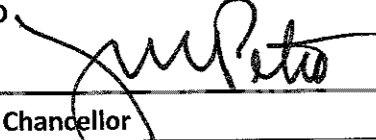
Background: Ashland University offers multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization, including graduate study leading to various administrative educator licenses. Ashland University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The School Business Manager Licensure program prepares individuals for positions in the administration of schools and districts. Students are often drawn from non-education backgrounds with undergraduate degrees in business (or undergraduate degrees that include nine semester-hours of coursework in accounting). Students complete a 17 semester-hour program, including school law and ethics, school finance and economics, leadership, a course focused on facilities and a school business manager internship.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: This license meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a graduate-level program leading to the School Business Manager License. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University and its regional centers in Columbus, Cleveland, Elyria, and Massillon until the next national accreditation review. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

End of Comment Period: October 18, 2012
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

RECOMMENDATION The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.	
	10-22-12
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVED	
	10-22-12
Jim Petro, Chancellor	Date

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