

John R. Kasich, Governor John Carey, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Bluffton University

Multi-Age Visual Arts License

Request:

Bluffton University requests approval to offer an undergraduate level program leading to the Ohio Multi-Age Visual Arts License.

Profile:

Bluffton University is a private, not-for-profit university affiliated with the Mennonite Church USA. Founded in 1899, the university has a specific mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation, for responsible citizenship, for service to all peoples and, ultimately, for the purposes of God's universal kingdom. Located in Bluffton, Ohio, the university has an enrollment of about 1000 undergraduate and almost 100 graduate students.

Accreditation/Authorization:

Bluffton University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next scheduled review in 2019. Bluffton University's educator preparation programs are accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) until the next review in 2017.

Background:

Bluffton University is submitting its request to ensure program alignment with Ohio standards and requirements. Programs leading to the Multi-Age Visual Arts License are valid for teaching students in kindergarten through grade 12. Bluffton University offers the Multi-Age Visual Arts License at the undergraduate level.

Recommendation:

Bluffton University's Multi-Age Visual Arts License preparation program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for undergraduate level programs leading to the Multi-Age Visual Arts License. Approval is recommended for Bluffton University's undergraduate level program leading to Multi-Age Visual Arts License until the spring 2022 review cycle. 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: May 8, 2015 at 9:15am **No comments received, recommend approval**

RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Vice Chancellor of P-16 Initiatives has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Rebecca Watts, Associate Vice Chancellor of P-16 Initiatives

Date

APPROVAL

John Carey, Chancellor

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