

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### OHIO UNIVERSITY

#### Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Endorsement (PreK-12)

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program leading to the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Endorsement. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Credit is offered as both post-baccalaureate and graduate level credit. Approval is recommended until the institution's next regional accreditation review. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

**Profile:** Ohio University is a public university in Athens, Ohio with various regional centers and campuses serving more than 35,000 students in degree programs at all levels, including a medical school. Ohio University is located in an Appalachian region and serves the needs of this population through its educational programs and services. More than 20% of Ohio University's first-year students are first generation college students. Ohio University was the first public institution to offer teacher preparation in Ohio, beginning in 1886.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Ohio University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2016. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Ohio University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced levels until 2014.

**Request:** Ohio University requests approval for a Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Endorsement (grades preK-12).

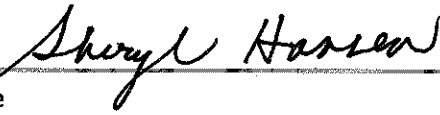
**Background:** Ohio University offers majors at all levels in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio. As indicated by the title, the TESOL endorsement prepares PreK-12 teachers to teach English to speakers of other languages. Students must have a current teaching license in order to enter the TESOL program for post-baccalaureate credit or graduate credit. Some students may choose to pursue a master's degree in linguistics. The courses in the TESOL program of study count toward the master's and include content in language learning, sociolinguistics and bilingualism, computer assisted language learning and a 30-hour field experience.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program of study leading to the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement for credit at the post-baccalaureate or graduate level. Approval is recommended until the institution's next regional accreditation review. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

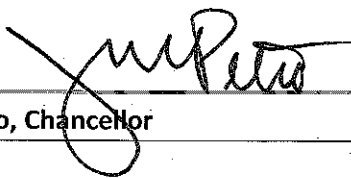
End of Comment Period: September 16, 2011  
No comments received, recommend approval

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Office of Academic Quality Assurance has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents and any applicable standards and requirements established by the Ohio State Board of Education.

 9-22-2011  
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Signature Date

**APPROVED**

 9-23-11  
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Jim Petro, Chancellor Date

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