



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Wittenberg University Early Childhood (PK-3) License

Request:

Wittenberg University requests approval to offer a baccalaureate level program leading to the Ohio Early Childhood (PK-3) License.

Profile:

Wittenberg University is a private, not-for-profit Lutheran-affiliated liberal arts college that was founded in 1845. The university has a specific mission to provide a liberal arts education dedicated to intellectual inquiry and wholeness of person within a diverse residential community. Located in Springfield, Ohio, the university has an enrollment of nearly 1,800 undergraduate students.

Accreditation/Authorization:

Wittenberg University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next scheduled review in 2027. Wittenberg University's educator preparation programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) until the next review, by the successor organization, the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), in 2022.

Background:

Wittenberg University is submitting its request to ensure program alignment with Ohio standards and requirements. Programs leading to the Early Childhood (PK-3) License are valid for teaching students in prekindergarten through grade 3. Wittenberg University offers the program leading to the Early Childhood (PK-3) License at the baccalaureate level.

Recommendation:

Wittenberg University's Early Childhood (PK-3) License preparation program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for baccalaureate level programs leading to the Early Childhood (PK-3) License. Approval is recommended for Wittenberg University's baccalaureate level program leading to the Early Childhood License until the fall 2025 review cycle. The Chancellor may, in his judgement, withdraw approval or require additional review if Wittenberg University fails to meet the Chancellor's standards for licensure programs or receives a sanction by CAEP. Over the past three reporting years, fewer than ten candidates have completed the program. Due to the small number of completers in the program, the Ohio Educator Preparation Program Performance Reports could not be considered in the review process to determine acceptable or unacceptable ranges.

End of Comment Period: November 7, 2018 at 11:45 am
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Senior Director of Educator Preparation has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

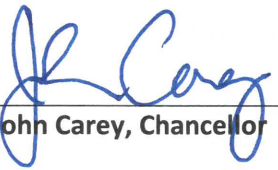


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APPROVAL



John Carey, Chancellor

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