

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

Administrative Specialist License - Pupil Services

RECOMMENDATION

This license meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program leading to the Administrative Specialist License – Pupil Services Administration. 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.

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.

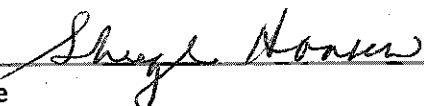
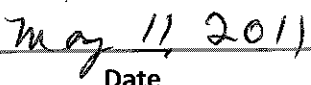
Request: Ashland University requests continued approval for a graduate-level program of study leading to the Administrative Specialist License in Pupil Services.

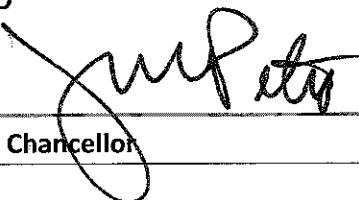
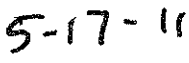
Background: Ashland University offers multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization, including graduate study leading to various administrative educator licenses. Ashland University is submitting its request to ensure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

The pupil services program at Ashland University is an administrative specialization for licensed teachers seeking positions in supervising or administering specialized educational programs dealing with such issues as attendance and disciplinary issues, guidance and psychological services, school health activities, social work, special education, programs for at-risk students, talented and gifted programs, administration of relevant state and federal programs, and working with specializations in speech and hearing services. The program leads to an Administrative Specialist License in Pupil Services and can be completed as part of a graduate degree or as a program of study (non-degree) leading to the license for students who may already have a master's degree. The program comprises courses in administration, school law, resource management, professional development for administrators, and other areas pertinent to serving in a leadership role in educational administration. Students also complete a pupil services internship (year-long 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 pupil services administration program leading to the Administrative Specialist-Pupil Services License. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended until the institution's next national 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 licensure continue to be met.

End of Comment Period: May 6, 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.	
	
Signature	Date

APPROVED	
	
Jim Petro, Chancellor	Date

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