

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

AYA Integrated Language Arts License (7-12)

RECOMMENDATION

This license meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs leading to the Adolescent to Young Adult (AYA), Integrated Language Arts (7-12) License at Ashland University and its regional centers in Elyria and Columbus, Ohio. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University 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 undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs leading to the integrated language arts license, adolescent to young adult (7-12).

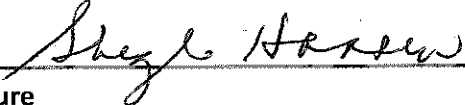
Background: Ashland University offers multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization, including graduate study leading to various administrative educator licenses. Ashland University is submitting its request to ensure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

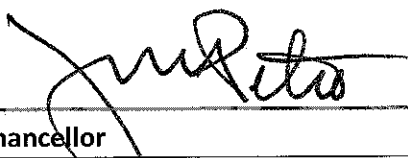
The Integrated Language Arts AYA License is valid for teaching students English language, literature and composition from grade 7 through grade 12. Ashland University's programs are aligned with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards. In addition, the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs meet all additional Ohio requirements including the requirements for reading, value added assessment and understanding of knowledge and skills in English language, literature and composition consistent with Ohio's Academic Content Standards, PK-12.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: This license meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate programs leading to the Adolescent to Young Adult (AYA), Integrated

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End of Comment Period: November 8, 2011
No comments received, recommend approval

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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.	
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Signature	Date

APPROVED	
	11-15-11
Jim Petro, Chancellor	Date

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