

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### ASHLAND UNIVERSITY Reading Endorsement

#### RECOMMENDATION

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 Reading Endorsement. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University and the Elyria Regional Program Site 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 level Reading Endorsement.

**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 ELCC standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Reading Endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12 and meets the knowledge and skills standards of the International Reading Association and the Ohio Performance Based Teacher Licensure Standards. The Reading Endorsement is designed to help students better meet the literacy needs of their pupils. Ashland University's program meets all requirements for courses and internship experiences; the program is an undergraduate level program.

**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 Reading Endorsement. There were no major concerns identified in the review. 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 19, 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.

*Sheryl Hansen* *May 24 2011*  
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Signature Date

**APPROVED**

*Jim Petro* *6-2-11*  
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Jim Petro, Chancellor Date

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