

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY School Superintendent License

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 School Superintendent License. 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 School Superintendent License.

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 school superintendent program is designed for professionals with a master's degree and three years experience as a licensed administrative specialist or principal. Students complete 60 semester hours, including courses in school law and ethics, organizational leadership and management, personnel supervision, the superintendency, school finance, and other areas pertinent to serving in a school superintendent role. Students also complete a capstone experience and comprehensive examination.

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 Superintendent 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.

Sheyl Hansen *5-11-11*

Signature Date

APPROVED

Jim Petro *5-17-11*

Jim Petro, Chancellor Date

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