

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

Teacher Leader 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 Teacher Leader Endorsement. 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 levels 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 approval for the graduate level Teacher Leader Endorsement.

Background: The Teacher Leader Endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12. The endorsement requires that the applicant has successfully completed four years of teaching experience, has a master's degree and meets the program standards for the endorsement. The Teacher Leader Standards focus primarily on: effective leadership and teacher learning; data-based decision making and demonstrating evidence-based practice; facilitating a collaborative learning culture; participation in a shared vision and goals for the school; and promotion and modeling of ongoing professional learning and improved practice.

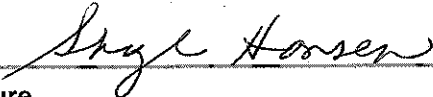
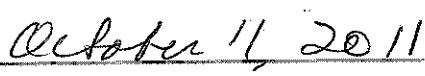
The Teacher Leader Endorsement is valid for mentoring and coaching teachers, providing staff development, and assisting the building principal in developing and supporting a shared vision and shared goals for the school. Ashland University's program meets the minimum requirements for the endorsement through a 24-semester hour program with courses focused on ethics, coaching and mentoring for school improvement, group dynamics, professional development and the development of professional learning communities.

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 Teacher Leader Endorsement. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University 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.

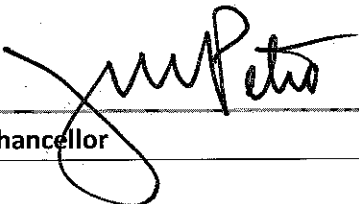
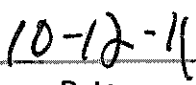
End of Comment Period: October 5, 2011
No comments received, recommend approval

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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.

 
Signature Date

APPROVED

 
Jim Petro, Chancellor Date

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