

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

University of Findlay Teacher Leader Endorsement

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a teacher leader endorsement (grades K-12). There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time. 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.

Request: The University of Findlay (UF) requests approval for a Teacher Leader Endorsement, Grades K-12. University of Findlay is a private, non-profit university located in Findlay, Ohio. The University is currently approved by the State Department of Education to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in the following areas: early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education, intervention specialist (mild/moderate) and multi-age licenses in specialized areas. UF also offers graduate programs in education. The University of Findlay is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.


The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits the University of Findlay's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2013. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. The University of Findlay is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2014.

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: providing effective leadership and teacher learning; using data in decision making and demonstrating evidence-based practice; facilitation of 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.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a Teacher Leader endorsement, K-12. There were no major concerns identified in the review and approval is recommended for a three-year period. 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: December 22, 2010
No comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
	<i>1/6/11</i>
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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