

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12 (Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate)

The Lake Erie College undergraduate/ post-baccalaureate programs leading to the Reading Endorsement meet the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for the license. As part of the review, areas for improvement in faculty resources were noted. Approval is recommended for two years, until 2013 with a progress report on improving faculty resources required by December 31, 2011. 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: Lake Erie College requests approval for an undergraduate and a post-baccalaureate Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Lake Erie College is authorized by the Chancellor for a time period to coincide with next review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) in 2011. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has accepted Lake Erie College as a formal candidate for accreditation.

Background: Lake Erie College is a private, non-profit university of nearly 1200 students located in Painesville, Ohio. The college was founded in 1856 as a female seminary. Currently LEC offers 33 undergraduate degree programs and two masters' degrees (education and business). LEC is approved to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education, and a special education/intervention specialist program.

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.

Curriculum: Lake Erie College requires 15 semester hours for the reading endorsement. The program is offered for both undergraduate and post-baccalaureate credit, to meet the needs of teacher candidates and as an endorsement for currently certified or licensed teachers. The Reading Endorsement, as developed, meets state requirements for licensure candidates.

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End of Comment Period: March 18, 2010
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.

Suzanne Horner, Director, Academic Quality Assurance
Signature _____ Date *April 9, 2011*

APPROVED

Jim Petto

Jim Petto, Chancellor Date *4-11-11*

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