

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### Lourdes College Teacher Leader Endorsement (K-12)

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, until 2014. 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:** Lourdes College requests approval for a Teacher Leader Endorsement, Grades K-12. This is a new endorsement area for Lourdes College.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Lourdes College is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2017. The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) accredits Lourdes College educator preparation programs until the next scheduled review in 2010.

**Background:** Lourdes College is an independent, non-profit Catholic college sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis. The college is located in Sylvania, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. Although primarily an undergraduate institution, it also offers four graduate programs and serves a total student body of more than 2,200. The College 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. Lourdes College also offers graduate programs in education. The proposed endorsement comprises 9 semester hours of graduate credit for students who have already completed a graduate degree.

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, until 2014. 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: March 21, 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.

*Steve Hesson, Director, A.Q.A.*      *April 4, 2011*  
Signature      Date

**APPROVED**

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

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