



John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio
Board of Regents

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)

Request:

Muskingum University requests authorization to offer an Educational Specialist degree.

Background:

Muskingum University, located in New Concord, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Originally founded in 1837, the university today serves nearly 3,000 students by offering bachelor's and master's degrees. Muskingum University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC) and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The institution has been authorized by the Chancellor since October 1969.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Ed.S. degree, a twenty-six semester credit hour post-master's program, is composed of existing courses and aligns with the standards of the Educational Leadership Constituents Council, Ohio Standards for Superintendents, and Ohio Leadership Advisory Council. The program is intended to serve as a pathway to a doctorate degree and prepare individuals for leadership positions in P-12 educational administration and/or higher education administration. Graduates that possess Ohio principal licenses may seek superintendent licensure upon completion of the program.

The university is projecting an enrollment of approximately fourteen students in year one and twenty-one students by year four.

Resource/Faculty Needs:

Existing faculty and resources are in place to support the program.

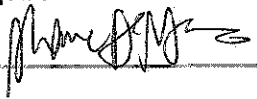
Recommendation:

Muskingum University meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Ed.S. degree. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2015 to coincide with the university's next HLC reaffirmation review and institutional reauthorization review with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2012, 2013, and 2014, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

End of Comment Period: November 9, 2011
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

RECOMMENDATION

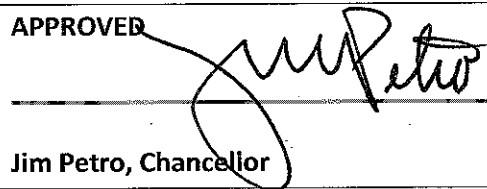
The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

 (SHANE DEGRADINO, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM APPROVAL) 11/18/11

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor

Date

APPROVED



11-21-11

Jim Petro, Chancellor

Date

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