BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
Mathematics Specialist Endorsement, P-6

RECOMMENDATION

This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a Mathematics Specialist Endorsement (grades p-6). There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended until the next national accreditation visit. 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.

Profile: Kent State University was founded as a public teacher-training institution in 1910 and now serves more than 18,000 undergraduate students and nearly 5000 graduate students through an array of associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. Kent State University is located in northeastern Ohio.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Kent State University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2015. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Kent State University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2015.

Request: Kent State University (KSU) requests approval for the Mathematics Specialist Endorsement (grades P-6).

Background: Kent State 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 (major subject areas), intervention specialist (mild/moderate and deaf), library/media education, multi-age areas (e.g. art, health, foreign language, physical education) and career-technical teacher education. KSU also offers programs leading to licensure for educational personnel (principal, school counselor, school psychologist, superintendent, educational administrative specialist in various areas, audiologist, speech-language pathologist) and several endorsements. Kent State University has both undergraduate and graduate degrees leading to initial licensure. KSU is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Math Specialist Endorsement is a graduate level endorsement, valid for providing coaching and professional development in mathematics education for classroom teachers in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Candidates are required to have at least three years of successful experience teaching mathematics under a standard teaching certificate or license, limited to the kindergarten-primary license, middle childhood, or adolescence to young adult mathematics teaching license.

Kent State University's program is aligned with these standards. Kent State University's program builds on the knowledge and skills of the teacher and provides, through graduate education courses and practicum, the necessary knowledge of mathematics, learning theory, child development, research principles, and intervention techniques to prepare graduates to provide leadership in mathematics education.

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 leading to the Mathematics Specialist Endorsement (grades p-6). There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended until the next national accreditation visit. 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: April 15, 2011
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.

Sheryl Hanser 4-20-2011

Signature **Date**

APPROVED

Jim Petro 4-25-11

Jim Petro, Chancellor **Date**

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