BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

WILMINGTON COLLEGE
Early Childhood Education License (PK-3)

RECOMMENDATION

This continuing licensure program meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an Early Childhood Education License. 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.

Request: Wilmington College requests approval for an undergraduate program of study leading to an Early Childhood Education License for teaching students in grades PK-3.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Wittenberg College is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2014. Wilmington College is a candidate for accreditation from the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) and is scheduled for review in the fall of 2011.

Background: Wilmington College is a private liberal arts college founded in 1870 by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Located in Wilmington, Ohio, the College has an enrollment of approximately 1500 undergraduate students and nearly 50 students in its graduate education program. Wilmington College offers undergraduate programs leading to early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence to young adult licenses, multi-age licenses and graduate licensure programs in reading and special education. The Early Childhood Education License is valid for teaching learners from pre-K to third grade.

Curriculum: Wilmington College's program is aligned with Ohio's standards and the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Wilmington's program is an undergraduate program resulting in the Bachelor of Arts (124 semester hours) that provides the knowledge and skills required for the early childhood education license, including the required 12 semester hour reading core.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an Early Childhood Education Program (PK-3). There were no major concerns identified in the review and 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 18, 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 Harrison	4-20-2011
Signature	**Date**

APPROVED	
Jim Petro	4-25-11
Jim Petro, Chancellor	**Date**

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