BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement, Grades K-12

RECOMMENDATION

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a gifted intervention specialist endorsement (grades K-12). Approval is recommended for a seven-year period of time, until 2017.

Profile: Wright State University is a public, non-profit university established in 1968 and located in Dayton, Ohio.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Wright State University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2016.

Request: Wright State University (WSU) requests continued approval for a Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement, Grades K-12.

Background: WSU offers more than 50 majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization as well as an education specialist program in school administration, a school counseling program and post-baccalaureate programs in teacher education. Wright State University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national and Ohio standards and requirements. The total enrollment in the College of Heath and Human Services at WSU is nearly 2400 students with 46% of students enrolled in graduate programs.

The Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement program prepares teachers to address the special needs of gifted and talented students. Teachers work in K-12 settings as intervention specialists, helping students identified as "gifted" achieve their full potential through specially designed curriculum and counseling. The program provides a theoretical background on the nature and needs of gifted and talented students through a 28 credit hour program (quarter), including a 5 credit hour practicum. The endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12.

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 gifted intervention specialist endorsement. Continued approval is recommended for seven years, until the next scheduled review in 2017.

End of Comment Period: May 4, 2010
No comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
	8/9/10
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	**Date**

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