

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

CENTRAL OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE (COTC)

Pre-Kindergarten Associate License (public comments attached)

RECOMMENDATION

The COTC Early Childhood Development program leading to the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License is an existing program that meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for the license. As part of the review, areas for improvement in faculty resources were noted. Continued approval is recommended for two years, until 2012 with a progress report on improving faculty resources required by December 31, 2011. 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: Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) requests continued approval for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) program leading to the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License.

Central Ohio Technical College is a public institution offering associate degrees and certificate programs in business, health, engineering and public service technologies (including education). Located in Newark, COTC shares a campus, some services and personnel with the Ohio State University-Newark.

Accreditation/Authorization: Central Ohio Technical College's associate degree program leading to the Pre-K Associate License is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is authorized by the state.

Background: Central Ohio Technical College is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Associate Pre-Kindergarten License is valid for assisting families and communities in the overall development of children birth through preschool. After completion of the associate degree, students are able to pursue licensure through the Ohio Department of Education and seek employment as lead and assistant teachers of young children through the pre-school years. Students are also able to transfer to baccalaureate programs in early childhood education, including programs offered by The Ohio State University, Muskingum College, Ashland University and on-line programs at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Toledo.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: The COTC Early Childhood Development program leading to the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License is an existing program that meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for the license. As part of the review, areas for improvement in faculty resources were noted. Continued approval is recommended for two years, until 2012 with a progress report on improving faculty resources required by December 31, 2011. 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: December 16, 2010
Four comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
	12/22/10
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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Comments for Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) Pre-Kindergarten Associate License

1. Name: Angel Schneider

Title: Cooperating Lead Toddler Teacher

Institution: Central Ohio Technical College

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Date/Time: 2010-12-13 / 13:54:17

Comment: The Pre-Kindergarten Associate Degree at COTC is an excellent program that prepares students for pre-kindergarten teaching career by teaching them a child-centered, Reggio Emilia inspired, project approach to teaching. I am a toddler teacher for the Newark Campus Child Development Center. The students of the Pre-Kindergarten Associate Degree program often come into my classroom for observations, practicums, and student teaching. I have been impressed by the amount of knowledge the students have had about developmentally appropriate practice, which I know is a result of the excellent level of education they are receiving at COTC.

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2. Name: Cindy Andrews

Title: Owner/Director

Institution: Milestones Learning Center

E-mail: candrews@milestoneslearningcenter.com

Date/Time: 2010-12-14 / 09:21:53

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Comment: I graduated from COTC Pre-Kindergarten Associate Program and highly recommend that this program continue. I hire students from this program and believe it to provide students with the knowledge and experience needed to succeed in the childcare field.

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3. Name: Regina Williams

Title: ECD Associate Degree Program Director

Institution: Central Ohio Technical College

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Date/Time: 2010-12-07 / 16:02:39

Phone: 740-366-9359

Comment: The graduates are well prepared to assume the responsibilities of preschool teachers or assistant teachers in the public or private sector preschools. The graduates are also prepared to continue to obtain a bachelors degree. With the inclusion of the 6 education TAG courses with semesters they will be able to transfer more credits with a state supported institution.

I appreciated the site visit and conversations with Kelly Gaier and Catherine Hill to help make this degree even stronger.

Thank you

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4. Name: Mary Miller

Title: Director

Institution: Newark Campus Child Development Center

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Date/Time: 2010-12-03 / 07:49:10

Phone: 740-366-9340

Comment: Students from the COTC Early Childhood program work for me in an assistant teacher position, participate in student teaching and practicum placements, and make observations here at the Center. I find most of them to be well prepared and knowledgeable. I believe the program is balanced and forward thinking, and should be approved.

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