

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### Lourdes College

#### RECOMMENDATION

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**Profile:** Lourdes College, located in Sylvania, Ohio, is an independent, non-profit institution affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Originally established in 1958 as Lourdes Junior College to educate sisters of the Franciscan community, the college today serves over 2,000 students by "providing a values-centered education that enriches lives and advances academic excellence through the integration of the liberal arts and professional studies."

**Accreditation/Authorization:** Lourdes College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for a number of its professional programs. The college has been authorized by the Chancellor since August 1975.

**Program Offerings:** Lourdes College offers the following degrees: Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Education, Master of Organizational Leadership, and Master of Science in Nursing. In addition, the college offers several licensure areas within its educator preparation program and postsecondary enrollment options through its High School Scholars Program.

**Institutional Changes:** Since the college's last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery formats and off-site locations, and expanded program offerings to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

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End of Comment Period: June 24, 2009  
No comments received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:



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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

6/30/09  
Date

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