

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

University of Northwestern Ohio

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: University of Northwestern Ohio, located in Lima, Ohio, is an independent, non-profit institution. Originally established in 1920 as Northwestern School of Commerce, a two-year for-profit business college, the university today serves over 3,000 students by "preparing students for careers and productive citizenship that encompass the business, professional, corporate and technological communities by providing quality education and training in response to the needs and aspirations of our constituents."

Accreditation/Authorization: University of Northwestern Ohio 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 1992.

Program Offerings: University of Northwestern Ohio offers the following degrees: Associate of Applied Business, Associate of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Business Administration.

Institutional Changes: Since the university's last reauthorization review, the institution changed its name and institutional mission/purpose, had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery formats, 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



Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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