BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY MCGREGOR
Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement, Grades K-12

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a gifted intervention specialist (grades K-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time.

Request: Antioch University McGregor requests approval for a Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement, Grades K-12. Antioch University McGregor is one campus of the Antioch University private, non-profit, multi-campus and multi-state system. Antioch University McGregor is located in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and offers graduate degrees leading to licensure in early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education, and special education (mild/moderate intervention specialist license). The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Antioch University McGregor until 2011 for programs at both the initial and advanced levels of preparation. Antioch University and its degree programs at Antioch University McGregor are authorized by the Chancellor, for a time period to coincide with next review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) in 2013.

Background: The Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement can be added to a teacher license, K-12, and meets the knowledge and skills standards of the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC), the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Ohio Performance Based Teacher Licensure Standards.

Curriculum: Antioch University McGregor has designed a 27 quarter hour program developed to address the content and pedagogical needs for teaching gifted and talented students in public, community or private schools, grades K-12. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. The curriculum is for graduate students who already hold a standard teaching license in any area or level of K-12 education and are interested in an endorsement to teach gifted and talented students. The curriculum includes a practicum experience in addition to coursework that is consistent with professional standards. Appropriate student assessments have been identified. There is no current state test for this endorsement.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a gifted intervention specialist endorsement, K-12. There were no concerns identified in the review and approval is recommended for a three-year period.

End of Comment Period: October 27, 2009
No comments received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:	
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	11/6/09 Date

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