BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY
Multi-Age (PK-12) License in Visual Arts

This degree program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an initial undergraduate program leading to the Multi-Age License in Visual Arts. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for a three -year period of time, until 2013. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

Profile: Ashland University is a private, non-profit institution located in Ashland, Ohio with satellite locations in Columbus and Elyria. Ashland University has more than 2200 undergraduate students and 3800 graduate students pursuing study at the associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral level.

Accreditation/Authorization: The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Ashland University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until the next review in 2016. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution until its next scheduled review in 2018.

Request: Ashland University requests continued approval for the Multi-Age (PK-12) License in Visual Arts. Requirements for the licensure program can be completed through the Bachelor of Science in Education with a comprehensive major in art or as a post-baccalaureate program.

Background: The Multi-Age License is valid for teaching learners from ages three to twenty-one and pre-kindergarten through grade twelve in the curriculum areas named in such license, in this instance visual art. Preparation in the teaching field shall constitute at least an academic major or its equivalent with sufficient advanced coursework in all areas to be taught as specified by the teacher preparation institution and approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

Ashland University offers the Bachelor of Science in Education with a comprehensive major in art as preparation for the Multi-Age Visual Arts license. Students receive training in studio art combined with teacher education. Students also must meet the state's requirements for the teaching of reading (three semesters content hours) and any other requirements established by the state. Teachers with this license teach at all grade levels.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a degree program leading to licensure. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for a three -year period of time, until 2013. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met

End of Comment Period: September 9, 2010
No comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	9/15/10 Date

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