

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

#### Early Childhood Generalist (grades 4-5)

#### RECOMMENDATION

Lake Erie College's Early Childhood Generalist (grades 4-5) endorsement post-baccalaureate program meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period, 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 licensure continue to be met.

**Request:** Lake Erie College (LEC) requests approval for a post-baccalaureate program of study leading to an Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement (grades 4-5).

**Accreditation/Authorization:** The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Lake Erie College is 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 2011.

**Background:** Lake Erie College is a private, non-profit university of nearly 1200 students located in Painesville, Ohio. The college was founded in 1856 as a female seminary. Currently LEC offers 33 undergraduate degree programs and two masters' degrees (education and business). LEC is approved to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in early childhood education, middle childhood education, and a special education/intervention specialist program. The college recently expanded its teacher preparation programs to adolescent and young adult education.

The Early Childhood Generalist endorsement is valid for teaching all core academic content areas in grades four and five. The endorsement may be added to an Early Childhood P-3 teaching license upon evidence of completion of a minimum of nine additional semester hours of study aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards for grades four and five and including preparation in pedagogy and child/adolescent development.

**Curriculum:** Lake Erie College's program is a post-baccalaureate program aligned with these standards and available to already licensed early childhood teachers. The program builds on the knowledge and skills that students typically master during any early childhood preparation program, including child and adolescent development. The program is nine semester hours.

**Recommendation:** Lake Erie College's Early Childhood Generalist (grades 4-5) endorsement post-baccalaureate program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement for grades 4 and 5. There were no major concerns identified in the review and approval is

recommended for a three-year period, 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 licensure continue to be met.

End of Comment Period: September 21, 2010  
No comments received, recommend conditional approval

APPROVED	
	
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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