

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### WRIGHT STATE 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 a graduate 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:** Wright State University is a public, non-profit university established in 1968 and located in Dayton, Ohio.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Wright State University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2016. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Wright State University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2015.

**Request:** Wright State 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:** WSU offers more than 50 majors in preK-12 education leading to a provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization as well as an education specialist program in school administration, a school counseling program and post-baccalaureate programs in teacher education. Wright State University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements. The total enrollment in the College of Health and Human Services at WSU is nearly 2400 with 46% of students enrolled in graduate programs.

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. Wright State University offers a one-year, Graduate Level Teacher Preparation Program, patterned after the medical school model, which permits a select group of post baccalaureate students to practice the art and science of teaching in a clinical environment. The Multi-Age Visual Arts Program (PK-12) leads to the Master of Education degree and licensure to teach Visual Art. The program is designed for four-quarters of full-time study and internship, requiring a Monday through Friday commitment. Candidates can choose to begin the program in July and continue through June or begin in January and continue through November.

Candidates in the Multi-Age Visual Arts program have earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and subsequently been admitted into both the School of Graduate Studies and the College of Education and Human Services (CEHS). During their baccalaureate program candidates complete 195 quarter hours of coursework. They have selected a studio area of concentration (painting, printmaking, photography or sculpture) in which they complete at least 32 hours of content specific coursework. The Teacher Education Department currently has joint appointment faculty with the Departments of Art.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** 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**

<b>APPROVED</b>	
	<i>9/10/10</i>
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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