

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

**Chinese Language Teaching Specialization, Master of Education (M.Ed) in Curriculum and Instruction program of study leading to a Multi-Age (PK-12) License: Foreign Language**

#### RECOMMENDATION

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program leading to the Multi-Age (PK-12) License in Foreign Language: Chinese Language Teaching. No concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2013. 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.

**Profile:** Cleveland State University (CSU) is a public, non-profit university established in 1964 and located in Cleveland, Ohio. CSU has more than 16,000 students in 8 colleges and 250 academic degree programs.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Cleveland State University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2016. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Cleveland State University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level. The most recent accreditation review was in 2009.

**Request:** Cleveland State University (CSU) requests approval for a Chinese Language Teaching specialization in the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. The specialized graduate program leads to the Multi-Age License: Foreign Language.

**Background:** CSU offers multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to a provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization. Cleveland State University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The specialization in Chinese Language Teaching is designed to provide an opportunity for fluent speakers of Chinese with an approved bachelor's degree to learn pedagogical skills appropriate for the PK-12 classroom instruction and the Ohio Multi-Age License in Foreign Language. The program requires 34 credit hours of study including core courses in foundation studies and in curriculum and instruction. A student teaching experience is required.

**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 multi-age license in foreign language. There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for three years, until the next scheduled review in 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.