

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

**Superintendent Program, Educational Specialist (EdS) in School Administration program of study leading to the School Superintendent License**

#### 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 Superintendent License. No concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2013 for Cleveland State University and its East Center in Solon, Ohio and its West Center in Westlake, Ohio. 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 continued approval for an Educational Specialist (EdS) in School Administration program leading to the Superintendent License. Cleveland State University also requests approval for delivery of the program at the East Center (Solon, Ohio) and the West Center (Westlake, Ohio).

**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 Educational Specialist (EdS) in School Administration: Superintendency is an administrative specialization for students with master's degrees, the completion of coursework toward the Principal License and three years of experience in school administration. The program requires 32 credit hours of study including 16 credits of required courses in special education law, school business management and school facilities, and the study of the role of the superintendent. An internship 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 an educational specialist program leading to the School Superintendent License. There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for three years, until the next

scheduled review in 2013 for Cleveland State University and its East Center (Solon, Ohio) and West Center (Westlake, Ohio). 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.