

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Career-Technical License, Family and Consumer Science Education Route A (grades 4-12)

#### RECOMMENDATION

This continuing program meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a Career-Technical License, Family and Consumer Science Education Route A (grades 4-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for three years, until the next scheduled review in 2013.

**Profile:** Kent State University was founded as a public teacher-training institution in 1910 and now serves more than 18,000 undergraduate students and nearly 5000 graduate students through an array of associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. Kent State University is located in northeastern Ohio.

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

**Request:** Kent State University (KSU) requests continued approval for the Career-Technical License, Family and Consumer Science Education Route A (grades 4-12).

**Background:** Kent State University is currently approved by the State Department of Education to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in the following areas: early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education (major subject areas), intervention specialist (mild/moderate and deaf), library/media education, multi-age areas (e.g. art, health, foreign language, physical education) and career-technical teacher education. KSU also offers programs leading to licensure for educational personnel (principal, school counselor, school psychologist, superintendent, educational administrative specialist in various areas, audiologist, and speech-language pathologists) and several endorsements. Kent State University has both undergraduate and graduate degrees leading to initial licensure. KSU is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Career-Technical License, Family and Consumer Science Route A prepares teachers to address the family and consumer science curriculum for students in grades 4-12 required by the Ohio Department of Education. The curriculum primarily focuses on human development issues, nutrition and food science, consumer economics, financial literacy, personal resource management and decision making and other issues essential to students' success beyond the classroom.

**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 program leading to the Career-Technical License, Family and Consumer Science Education Route A (grades 4-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for three years, until the next scheduled review in 2013.