

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY Transition to Work (TTW) Endorsement

RECOMMENDATION

This continuing program meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a Transition-to-Work (TTW) Endorsement. There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for seven years, until the next scheduled review in 2017.

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 Transition-to-Work endorsement.

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, speech-language pathologist) 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 Transition-to-Work Endorsement is limited to the intervention specialist license and the career-technical teacher license. Kent State University requires 18 semester hours for the TTW endorsement comprising 5 courses and a field experience. The curriculum is designed to prepare teachers with the knowledge and skills to assist students in graduating with the skills, experience and education to make a successful transition into the workforce.

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 Transition-to-Work endorsement. There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for seven years, until the next scheduled review in 2017.