

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY Literacy Endorsement, Grades K-12

RECOMMENDATION

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a literacy endorsement (grades K-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a seven-year period of time, until 2017.

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 (WSU) requests continued approval for a Literacy Endorsement, Grades K-12.

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 reading 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 graduate programs.

The Literacy Specialist Endorsement program is offered by a consortium of 7 Ohio universities through an advanced program of reading education. The program is designed as a one-year program of 27 quarter-hours (18 semester hours) of online coursework and an internship program. The endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12 and meets the knowledge and skills standards of the International Reading Association and the Ohio Performance Based Teacher Licensure Standards. Partners in the consortium are John Carroll University, The Ohio State University, the University of Akron, the University of Toledo, Wright State University, University of Dayton and Youngstown State University.

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