BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY
Administrative Specialist License – Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD)

RECOMMENDATION

This license meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program leading to the Administrative Specialist License – Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD). No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University and its regional centers in Columbus, Cleveland, Elyria, and Massillon until the next national accreditation review. 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: Ashland University is a private, non-profit institution located in Ashland, Ohio with satellite locations in Columbus, Cleveland, Elyria and Massillon. Ashland University has more than 2200 undergraduate students and 3800 graduate students pursuing study at the associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral level.

Accreditation/Authorization: The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Ashland University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until the next review in 2016. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution until its next scheduled review in 2018.

Request: Ashland University requests continued approval for a graduate-level program of study leading to the Administrative Specialist License in Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.

Background: Ashland University offers multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and graduate programs in many areas of specialization, including graduate study leading to various administrative educator licenses. Ashland University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The curriculum, instruction and professional development program at Ashland University is an administrative specialization for licensed teachers seeking positions in administering specialized programs and providing leadership for the development of curriculum, instructional improvement, and professional development opportunities for educators. The program leads to an Administrative Specialist License in Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development (CIPD) and can be completed as part of a graduate degree or as a program of study (non-degree) leading to the license for students who may already have a master's degree. The program comprises courses in administration, school law and ethics, resource management, professional development for administrators, issues in instructional improvement and other areas pertinent

to serving in a leadership role in educational administration. Students also complete a curriculum, instruction, and professional development internship (year-long experience).

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 of study leading to the Administrative Specialist-Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD) License. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended until the institution's next national accreditation review. 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.