

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

CENTRAL OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE (COTC)

Pre-Kindergarten Associate License

RECOMMENDATION

The COTC Early Childhood Development program leading to the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License is an existing program that meets the Chancellor's requirements for academic degree programs and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for the license. As part of the review, areas for improvement in faculty resources were noted. Continued approval is recommended for two years, until 2012 with a progress report on improving faculty resources required by December 31, 2011. 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.

Request: Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) requests continued approval for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) program leading to the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License.

Central Ohio Technical College is a public institution offering associate degrees and certificate programs in business, health, engineering and public service technologies (including education). Located in Newark, COTC shares a campus, some services and personnel with the Ohio State University-Newark.

Accreditation/Authorization: Central Ohio Technical College's associate degree program leading to the Pre-K Associate License is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is authorized by the state.

Background: Central Ohio Technical College is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Associate Pre-Kindergarten License is valid for assisting families and communities in the overall development of children birth through preschool. After completion of the associate degree, students are able to pursue licensure through the Ohio Department of Education and seek employment as lead and assistant teachers of young children through the pre-school years. Students are also able to transfer to baccalaureate programs in early childhood education, including programs offered by The Ohio State University, Muskingum College, Ashland University and on-line programs at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Toledo.

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