

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Career Technical Education, Route B, program of study leading to licensure

This degree 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 Career-Technical Education, Route B license (grades 4+). There were no concerns identified in the review.

Request: Bowling Green State University (BGSU) requests continued approval for a program of study leading to the Career-Technical Education Route B license.

Background: Bowling Green State University is a public, non-profit university located in Bowling Green, Ohio. The University is the largest educator preparation institution in the state and 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, foreign language education, intervention specialist (mild/moderate and deaf), and business and marketing education. BGSU also offers four graduate programs in education, including a masters degree program in reading and a specialist program in reading. Bowling Green State University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Career-Technical Education Route B course of study is for students who do not have a baccalaureate degree (or have a degree in another area) and have significant experience in a career-technical field. Career-technical licenses are issued for specific programs in the following teaching fields: agriculture, health occupations, business, family and consumer sciences, marketing, and specific trade/industry programs. Students must have a high school diploma and complete a core program of 24 semester hours in the Route B program as well as three semester hours in the teaching of reading. Teacher candidates must have been hired by an Ohio school district through the Route B teacher license process. These students must have five years of related full-time work experience, validated by the school district or superintendent. Bowling Green State University was first approved to offer the career-technical Route B program in 1998.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Bowling Green State University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2015. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. BGSU is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2013.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a licensure pathway. There were no concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended.