

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

Reading Endorsement, PK-12

This degree program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an initial undergraduate program leading to the Reading Endorsement, PK-12. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for a three -year period of time, until 2014. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

Request: Baldwin-Wallace College requests continued approval for the Reading Endorsement, PK-12.

Profile: Baldwin-Wallace College is a private, liberal arts college offering bachelor's and master's degrees, certificates and professional education programs. BWC, founded in 1845, is located in Berea, Ohio and has an enrollment of nearly 3700 undergraduate students and more than 700 graduate students.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Baldwin-Wallace College is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2018. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Baldwin-Wallace College's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until the next scheduled review in March 2011.

Background: The Reading 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. In addition, Ohio requires a minimum 12-semester hour reading core for all licensure candidates.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a degree program leading to licensure. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Continued approval is recommended for a three -year period of time, until 2014. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met