

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

Career-Technical Route A License, Integrated Business

RECOMMENDATION

This licensure program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a program leading to the Career-Technical Route A License in Integrated Business at the post-baccalaureate level. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for Ashland University 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 the post-baccalaureate degree program leading to the Career-Technical Route A – Integrated Business license.

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.

Ashland's University's program of study leads to the Career - Technical Route A – Integrated Business license. Career-technical licenses are issued for specific programs in the following teaching fields: agriculture, health occupations, integrated business, family and consumer sciences, technology education, marketing, and specific trade/industry programs. Students must complete an undergraduate (or post-baccalaureate) degree program, pass two designated state assessments (Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching and Praxis II Business Education) and demonstrate evidence of two years of recent and successful related work experience in business or the completion of an internship in business. Students also must meet the state's requirements for the teaching of reading (three semester content hours). Teachers with this license teach in grades 4 to adult and provide teachers with the preparation necessary to prepare students for work in a business environment.

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 Career Technical License, Route A, Integrated Business at the post-baccalaureate level. There were no major concerns identified in the review. 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.