

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY Adapted Physical Education Endorsement

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an Adapted Physical Education endorsement. There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time.

**Request:** Bowling Green State University (BGSU) requests continued approval for an Adapted Physical Education (APE) endorsement. Bowling Green State University is a public, non-profit university located in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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 Adapted Physical Education Endorsement was successfully reviewed by NCATE in 2008 as part of BGSU's advanced level NCATE review. 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.

**Background:** The Adapted Physical Education (APE) endorsement at Bowling Green State University requires 25 semester hours that is primarily taken concurrently with the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) licensure program in the School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies. The endorsement program is also available as a post-graduate program for teachers with a physical education license. The Adapted Physical Education endorsement requires additional field-based internship experiences. The curriculum is designed to prepare teachers with the knowledge and skills to assist students in developing physical and motor finesse and fundamental motor skills. There is an emphasis on the use of teaching and learning aides and assistive technologies, particularly through the required practicum experiences.

Program requirements are aligned with the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) standards and the Adapted Physical Education National Standards (APENS).

**Recommendation:** This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an Adapted Physical Education endorsement. There were no concerns identified in the review and continued approval is recommended for a three-year period.