

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE

Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a reading endorsement (grades K-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time.

Request: Franciscan University of Steubenville requests approval for a Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12. Franciscan University is a private, non-profit university located in Steubenville, Ohio. The University is currently approved by the State Department of Education to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education, and intervention specialist education (mild-moderate). Franciscan University is seeking initial accreditation in 2010 with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and is authorized by the Chancellor, for a time period to coincide with next review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) in 2015.

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.

Curriculum: Franciscan University requires 18 semester hours for the reading endorsement. The program is offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit, to meet the needs of initial licensure and as an endorsement for currently certified or licensed teachers. The Reading Endorsement, as developed, meets state requirements for licensure candidates.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a reading endorsement, K-12. There were no concerns identified in the review and approval is recommended for a three-year period.