

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

University of Findlay 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: The University of Findlay (UF) requests continued approval for a Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12. University of Findlay is a private, non-profit university located in Findlay, Ohio. The University 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, intervention specialist (mild/moderate) and multi-age licenses in specialized areas. UF also offers graduate programs in education. The University of Findlay is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national reading standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits the University of Findlay's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2013. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. The University of Findlay is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2014.

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. The University of Findlay requires all candidates for the endorsement to complete the 12-semester hour reading core and graduate courses, including a state-mandated internship.

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 continued approval is recommended for a three-year period.