

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE DIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT JONES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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I. SUMMARY

This action item requests initial approval of two proposed teacher preparation programs at Jones International University: K12 Linguistically Diverse Education (LDE) and LDE Specialist: Bilingual Education.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education determines approval of all teacher preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education in the state, after receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for reviewing and approving proposed teacher preparation programs is as follows: Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the proposed program to ensure that the content is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a teacher candidate to meet the requirements for teacher licensure in Colorado (C.R.S. 22-60.5). The CDE then makes a recommendation to the State Board of Education, which makes a recommendation to the Department of Higher Education (DHE). Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation, the DHE then reviews the program proposals for the following statutory performance criteria: admission system; screening and counseling of teacher candidates; integration of theory and practice in coursework and field based training; supervised field based experience (at least 800 hours); and assessment of candidates' subject matter and professional knowledge and ability to apply the professional knowledge base (C.R.S. 23-1-121 (2)). In the case of private institutions, the DHE will review the proposal only for supervised field based experience (C.R.S. 23-1-121 (5)).

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on August 14, 2008, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of both program proposals submitted by Jones International University. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to the department (see attached letter).

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121 (5), the department confirmed that both program proposals meet the criterion of a minimum of eight hundred hours of supervised field-based experience.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Department staff recommend approval of both programs.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the letter of approval from the State Board of Education are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

VII. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

22-60.5 C.R.S.
23-1-121 C.R.S.