

**TOPIC: PROPOSAL TO OFFER K-12 SPANISH TEACHER
PREPARATION PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN
COLORADO**

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I. SUMMARY

This action item is for initial approval for the University of Northern Colorado to offer a post-baccalaureate K-12 teacher education endorsement in Foreign Language: Spanish.

II. BACKGROUND

This proposed add-on endorsement is necessary to comply with Colorado Department of Education's licensure requirements for those teachers who wish to add a K-12 Spanish endorsement to their initial endorsement in elementary education, any of the secondary or K-12 education endorsement areas, or Linguistically Diverse Education Specialist: Bilingual Education endorsement. The courses in this endorsement may also function as a supplemental minor for teachers who already hold a bachelor's degree in another field.

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, upon receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for reviewing and approving proposed teacher preparation programs is as follows: the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the proposed programs to ensure that the content of each program 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 then makes a recommendation to the Department of Higher Education (DHE). Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation, DHE 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, 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 October 8, 2009, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of this program proposal. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to the Department.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the Department confirmed that the program proposal meets all performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the proposal for the University of Northern Colorado to offer K-12 Spanish endorsement.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the letters 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.