

TOPIC: REAUTHORIZATION OF TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

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I. SUMMARY

This item is for reauthorization of the teacher preparation program at Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design.

II. BACKGROUND

The art teacher preparation program at Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (RMCAD) was reviewed for reauthorization on April 1, 2009. In addition to two representatives from the Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), a Colorado assistant professor with expertise in art teacher preparation was part of the state review team.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education determines reauthorization of all teacher preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education in the state, conditioned on a positive recommendation from the State Board of Education. Institutions of higher education with approved teacher preparation programs must be evaluated not more frequently than once every five years. The process is as follows: The institution of higher education submits an institutional report to both the CDE and the DHE. CDE conducts a review of all the programs within the teacher education unit 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). DHE reviews the teacher education unit's programs for the following statutory performance criteria: admission system; advising 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). The site visit consists of an entrance interview, unit and program review (described above), and an exit interview. CDE then makes a recommendation to the State Board of Education, which then makes a recommendation to DHE. DHE policy permits three possible outcomes of a review: a) full approval, b) probation, or c) termination of the program.

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its March 11, 2010 meeting, the State Board of Education approved the content of RMCAD's teacher preparation program. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to the DHE.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121.4, the Department confirmed that Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design's teacher preparation program meets all statutory criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission reauthorizes the teacher preparation program at Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant statute, policy, and the final report from the on-site review team are on file in the Academic Affairs Office.

VII. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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