

TOPIC: REAUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS AT REGIS COLLEGE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item requests reauthorization of the educator preparation unit and programs at Regis University College for Professional Studies.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) determines approval of all educator preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education, upon receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for reauthorization of educator preparation programs is as follows: the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the endorsement programs to ensure that the content of each program is designed and implemented in a manner that will enable a candidate to meet the requirements for licensure in Colorado (C.R.S. §22-60.5). The CDE and Department of Higher Education (DHE) conduct a joint on-site visit that consists of an entrance interview, unit and program review, and an exit interview. The CDE makes a recommendation to the State Board of Education, which then makes a recommendation to the DHE. Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation, DHE staff review the unit and programs 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).

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on January 12, 2011, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of Regis University College for Professional Studies' programs. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to the Department of Higher Education.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121, the department confirmed that the unit and programs meet performance criterion.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission reauthorize the educator preparation unit and programs at Regis University College for Professional Studies.

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.