

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF READING SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-COLORADO SPRINGS

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of the Reading Specialist (10.04) Endorsement Program at University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. 23-1-121 the Colorado Commission on Higher Education considers approval of all educator preparation programs at public and private institutions of higher education, after receiving an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education. The process for initial approval of new educator preparation programs is as follows: Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the endorsement program to ensure that its content 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). 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 proposed program for the following statutory performance criteria: admission system; screening and counseling of educator candidates; integration of theory and practice in coursework and field based training; supervised field based experience; 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 August 4, 2011, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of the Reading Specialist Endorsement Program at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. CDE staff transmitted its affirmative recommendation to DHE.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121 Department staff reviewed UCCS's proposal and confirmed that it meets statutory performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approves the Reading Specialist (10.04) preparation program at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs:

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.