

**TOPIC: INITIAL APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION UNIT
AND PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS AT ARGOSY
UNIVERSITY**

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends initial approval of Argosy University's educator preparation unit and Principal (3.03) preparation programs.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121 the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) considers initial approval of all educator preparation units and programs at public and private institutions of higher education. CCHE action is intended to follow the receipt of an affirmative recommendation from the State Board of Education (SBE).

The process for initial approval of educator preparation units and programs is as follows: the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) conducts a review of the endorsement programs to ensure that the content in the programs 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). Department of Higher Education (DHE) reviews the unit and its programs for the following performance criteria found in state law (C.R.S. §23-1-121[2]):

- admission system;
- advising and screening of 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.

Upon receiving an affirmative recommendation from SBE concerning the content of the programs under review, DHE makes a recommendation to CCHE concerning the programs' compliance with the performance criteria identified in statute.

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on March 7, 2012, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of the Principal (3.03) preparation programs at Argosy University. CDE staff transmitted this recommendation to DHE.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-121 Department staff reviewed the educator preparation unit, its Principal (3.03) endorsement preparation program, and the associated degrees—Master of Arts in Educational Administration, Education Specialist in Initial Educational Administration, and Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Initial Educational Administration—and confirmed that they meet all statutory performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approves the educator preparation unit and the following educator preparation program at Argosy University:

- **Principal (3.03) endorsement to be offered with M.A. Educational Administration, Ed.S. Initial Educational Administration, and Ed.D. Initial Educational Administration.**

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.