

TOPIC: APPROVAL TO OFFER CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE ENDORSEMENT AT REGIS UNIVERSITY'S REGIS COLLEGE

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval to offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (8.22) teacher endorsement at Regis University's Regis College. This endorsement prepares teachers in English as a Second Language (ESL) techniques and will be required of all teacher candidates in Regis College's undergraduate teacher preparation programs.

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; 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 (C.R.S. §23-1-121[2]).

III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

At its meeting on August 8, 2012, the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of Regis College's proposal to offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse teacher endorsement (endorsement number 8.22 in the *Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991*). 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 this program and confirmed that it meets performance criteria.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (8.22) teacher endorsement program at Regis College.

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.