

**TOPIC: APPROVAL TO OFFER CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM AT REGIS UNIVERSITY, REGIS COLLEGE**

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**I. SUMMARY**

This item recommends approval to offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Education (8.22) teacher endorsement program at Regis University, Regis College.

**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). This item was incorrectly submitted and approved December 6, 2012 attributing the new program to Regis College of Professional Studies rather than Regis College.

**III. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL**

At its meeting on November 16, 2012 the Colorado State Board of Education approved the content of Regis College for Professional Studies' proposal to offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education 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**

**That the Commission approve the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (8.22) endorsement program at Regis University, 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.