



**Department of
Higher Education**

Mike DeWine, Governor
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

PROGRAM INACTIVATION FORM

Date of submission: 31 July 2019

Name of institution: Kent State University

Title of program to be inactivated: B.S.E. degree in Trade and Industrial Education

Date that the inactivation received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee: [Board of Trustees approval anticipated in December 2019]

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Educator Preparation Programs:

Leads to licensure: Yes No
Leads to endorsement: Yes No

1. Provide the rationale for the inactivation of the program:

The Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.E.) degree in Trade and Industrial Education was established in 1990 to serve as an articulation to a bachelor's degree for teachers who completed the coursework for a Career-Technical Education license via an alternative pathway.

Over the past decade, an increasingly number of students declared in the Trade and Industrial Education major changed to the B.S. degree in Educational Studies. The curriculum for the Educational Studies major is designed to be flexible, which makes it attractive for students who want to design their program for the skills and competencies required in their career. Kent State offers an undergraduate certificate in career-technical teacher education, which aligns well with the Educational Studies major.

In spring 2000, there were 30 enrolled students in the Trade and Industrial Education major. Ten years later, there were 11 enrolled students, and in spring 2015, there were five enrolled students. Graduation numbers since 2000 has averaged 2.4 degree earners each year (total 39 graduated students over 16 years).

For fall 2015, the College of Education, Health and Human Services suspended admission to the Trade and Industrial Education major. Per the Kent State suspension policy, programs that are suspended for five years are inactivated by the provost. College administration has indicated that there are no plans to reopen admission to the major at this time.

2. Indicate number of students currently enrolled in the program:

Last enrollment in the program was one student in spring 2016. The last student to graduate from the program was in fall 2014.

3. Describe how the inactivation will affect students currently in the program, and explain plans for notifying students and assisting them in the completion of their degrees:

Not applicable.

4. Will there be a loss of faculty or staff positions because of the inactivation of the program? If so, indicate when the faculty or staff members were or will be informed.

Outside of recent faculty retirements, there is no loss of faculty or staff with this inactivation. Courses in the major are offered, and will continue to be offered, for the Career-Technical Teacher Education undergraduate certificate.

5. Describe the plan for communicating the inactivation of the program, including changes to the college catalog and college website and communications with advisors, admissions officers and financial aid officers:

Once the inactivation is approved by the Kent State University Board of Trustees and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, all necessary changes will be made to university websites and materials. Further written concurrent communications will be sent out to key staff in student advising, admission, registrar and financial aid.

6. Indicate the final date that the program will be operational:

The program will be inactivated for fall 2020.

Respectfully,

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