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Dr. Vernon Polite, Dean  
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Eastern Michigan University  
310 Porter Building  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Dear Dr. Polite:

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to inform you that Eastern Michigan University's application for a program to prepare teachers of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (SV) has been approved. This program may be offered as an additional special education K-12 endorsement for elementary and secondary teaching certificates.

The program is subject to continuing approval. As you are aware, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has identified a number of initiatives to reform teacher preparation in Michigan. These initiatives include requiring national accreditation for all teacher preparation institutions. All program re-approvals will be based on national accreditation decisions that rely on outcome measures selected to demonstrate that the program has prepared well-qualified teachers. Your institution is encouraged to begin collecting outcome data that is aligned with the teacher preparation program standards approved by the State Board of Education for each specialty-area.

Should you have questions regarding this approval or other aspects of this program, please contact Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Professional Preparation and Development Unit, at 517/335-0874, or Dr. Steven Stegink at 517/241-4945.

Sincerely,

Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
Director  
Office of Professional Preparation Services

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Enclosure

cc: Shawn Quilter  
Catherine Smith  
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## Initial Approval of Specialty Program

### Recommendations from Review Panel Regarding Programs to Prepare Teachers of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (SV)

February 24, 2009

<b>Institution: Eastern Michigan University</b>					
Program Level	Major (# Credits)	Minor (# Credits)	Group Major (# Credits)	Group Minor (# Credits)	Endorsement Only (# Credits)
Elementary					
Secondary					
K-12					27
<b>Source of Standards/Guidelines:</b> Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education				<b>Pub. Date:</b> May 2005	
<b>Program Assessment Summary/Recommendation</b>					
<b>X</b> Meets all standards and requirements		Not all standards and requirements are met		Insufficient documentation for program review	
<b>X</b> Approval		Program is not Approvable as Presented			
<b>Standards/requirements not met:</b>					
<b>Additional information needed/action to be taken:</b>					
<b>Comments:</b>					
<p>This is a master's degree program for teachers with at least one prior special education endorsement.</p> <p>Reviewers found support for Administrative Rule R 340.1781(1)(a)(viii) in SPAI650 syllabus rather than in the five syllabi cited in the institution's response to the first review.</p> <p>The institution should begin collecting program performance outcome data based on state administrative rules or national standards related to the preparation of teachers of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The choice of which to use will be based on accreditation decision made by the institution.</p>					