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Dr. Vernon Polite, Dean
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Eastern Michigan University
310 Porter Building
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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 Physical Science (DP) has been approved. This program may be offered as a comprehensive group major or as a group major for secondary teaching certificates.

The program is subject to continuing approval based on a new schedule that is currently in development; you will be notified when review procedures and timelines are in place. During the next periodic review cycle, all program reapprovals will be based 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, Higher Education Consultant, 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
Steven Stegink

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Initial Approval of Specialty Program

Recommendations from Review Panel Regarding Programs to Prepare Teachers of Physical Science (DP)

November 7, 2007

Institution: Eastern Michigan University					
Program Level	Comprehensive Group Major (# Credits)	Group Major w/ physics minor (# Credits)	Group Major w/ earth/space science minor (# Credits)	Group Major w/ biology minor (# Credits)	Group Major w/ chemistry minor (# Credits)
Elementary					
Secondary	54-55	36-37	43	39	37
K-12					
Source of Standards/Guidelines: Michigan State Board of Education				Pub. Date: August 8, 2002	
Program Assessment Summary/Recommendation					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets all standards and requirements		<input type="checkbox"/> Not all standards and requirements are met		<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient documentation for program review	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval		<input type="checkbox"/> Program is not Approvable as Presented			
Standards/requirements not met:					
Additional information needed/action to be taken:					
Comments:					
<p>Reviewers compliment the proposed balance of coursework in the numerous physical science program options.</p> <p>The institution is complimented for documenting that over a majority of the science faculty associated with the preparation of physical science teacher candidates is familiar with Michigan's K-12 science curriculum framework and collaborative with K-12 schools. Thirty-four of 39 faculty reported K-12 science curriculum familiarity and 22 of 39 faculty reported K-12 collaborative work.</p> <p>The institution should begin collecting program performance outcome data related to Michigan or national Physical Science standards as outcome analysis will be the basis of subsequent periodic review. The decision on which standards to use depends on the accrediting or approval organization selected by the institution for subsequent periodic program review.</p>					