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Dr. Vernon Polite, Dean  
College of Education  
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 Physics (DE) has been approved. This program may be offered as a major or minor 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 any 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  
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**Amended Program to Show Compliance with New State Standards**

**Recommendations from Review Panel Regarding Programs to Prepare Teachers of Physics (DE)**

April 27, 2007

<b>Institution: Eastern Michigan University</b>					
Program Level	Major (# Credits)	Minor (# Credits)	Group Major (# Credits)	Group Minor (# Credits)	Endorsement Only (# Credits)
Elementary					
Secondary	32-41	21-24			
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"/> Approval Pending		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval Suspended	
<b>Standards/Requirements Not Met:</b>					
<b>Additional information needed/action to be taken:</b>					
<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p>The institution is complimented on the thorough inclusion of laboratory coursework in its physics teacher preparation program options.</p> <p>Reviewers were impressed by the variety of experiences that faculty have and that all faculty reported familiarity with the K-12 Michigan Curriculum Framework and MEAP at some level. Reviewers were pleased that the institution took initiative in addressing the pass rate for minors on the MTTC.</p> <p>The ethics course (PHY 406) seems to be a valuable course that may enable a high school physics teacher to teach societal issues. If time permits in the course, cultural issues and/or prominent minorities in physics may also be addressed.</p> <p>The institution is requested to ensure that all physics teacher candidates gain explicit knowledge of and use of online science classroom safety resources available through the Council of State Science Supervisors at: <a href="http://www.csss-science.org/safety.shtml">http://www.csss-science.org/safety.shtml</a></p> <p>The institution should be collecting program performance outcome data related to the Physics standards as analysis of outcome data will be the basis of subsequent periodic review.</p>					