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SYNOPSIS

Petitioner challenged the State Board of Examiner's denial of a supervisor's certificate to him. The certificate was denied because petitioner obtained a master's degree from American State University (ASU), a university that was not approved or accredited for purposes of certification.

Because the university was neither approved by the state of Hawaii, where it is located, nor properly accredited, the ALJ determined that the degree did not meet the requirements of the Department's regulations for awarding certification. The ALJ rejected the assertion that the university was self-accredited and that such accreditation meets the requirements of the regulations.

The Commissioner agreed that ASU was not properly approved or accredited and affirmed the Initial Decision. The matter was dismissed.

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The record and Initial Decision issued by the Office of Administrative Law have been reviewed. No exceptions were filed by the parties.

Upon review of the record, the Commissioner agrees with the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that American State University is not an approved or accredited institution under *N.J.A.C.* 6:11-9.2; thus, petitioner is not qualified for administrative certification with a supervisor's endorsement. Consequently, the Commissioner concurs with the ALJ's recommendation to dismiss the Petition of Appeal and adopts the Initial Decision, for the reasons set forth therein, as the final decision in this matter.

Accordingly, the matter is hereby dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: 4/1/02

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* This decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-27 *et seq.* and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.1 *et seq.*, within 30 days of its filing. Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.