



## Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

### REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

#### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

**Request:**

Kent State University requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Respiratory Care.

**Background:**

Kent State University, located in Kent, Ohio, with seven additional campuses located across northeastern Ohio, was originally founded as a teacher-training school. KSU now has more than 40,000 students enrolled in more than 300 programs from the associate degree level to the doctoral degree level. Kent State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) until its next scheduled review in 2015.

The Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care is a predominantly online baccalaureate program for professionally certified or registered graduates of an accredited associate degree program in respiratory therapy. The program is designed as a baccalaureate degree completion program. Kent State's Regional College will administer the program through the Ashtabula Campus.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The program curriculum is focused on knowledge and skills in management, leadership, educational research, disease management and clinical practice, including an advanced understanding of sleep and breathing disorders. Students complete an approved and supervised practicum experience as part of the program.

An initial program enrollment of approximately eight students is anticipated for the degree program. The degree program comprises 120 semester hours.

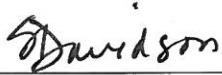
**Faculty and Resources:**


Current faculty members are sufficient in number to meet the immediate needs of the program. Two additional adjunct faculty members will be needed in the next few years.

**Recommendation:**

This program meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and approval is recommended.

End of Comment Period: January 21, 2015 at 2:55pm  
No comments received, recommend approval

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	
The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.	
	1/22/15
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

<b>APPROVAL</b>	
	
John Carey, Chancellor	1/22/15 Date

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