



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio  
Board of Regents

## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

#### **Request:**

Kent State University requests approval to offer the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM).

#### **Background:**

Kent State University has acquired the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine's (OCPM) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine program and campus in Independence, Ohio. The acquisition, effective July 1, 2012, will result in the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, the university's tenth academic college and only accredited DPM degree in Ohio. Currently, OCPM is one of nine accredited podiatry schools in the country, and one of two free-standing colleges of podiatric medicine. The college is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation from the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. OCPM has been continuously authorized by the Chancellor since June 1969.

#### **Curriculum:**

The current DPM curriculum will be taught and existing OCPM affiliations (more than 50 hospitals worldwide and 300 private practitioners nationwide) will be maintained. The university plans to develop dual degree options in the future and provide more research opportunities for DPM students by collaborating with existing Kent State University programs in public health, biomedical sciences, and sports medicine.

#### **Resource/Faculty Needs:**

Faculty and resources are in place to offer the program. The DPM will continue to be offered at the current site and taught by current OCPM faculty.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Chancellor to allow Kent State University to grant the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Kent State University and the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine must submit evidence that the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and Council on Podiatric Medical Education have approved the acquisition. In the event that the acquisition is not approved, OCPM will retain its current authorization with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. If the acquisition is approved, then later terminated, OCPM may reconstitute itself as an independent institution and reapply for authorization.

**End of Comment Period: June 6, 2012**

**No Comments Received, Recommend Approval**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

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*6/11/12*

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor

Date

**APPROVED**

*Jim Petro*

*13/JUN/12*

Jim Petro, Chancellor

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