



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio  
Board of Regents

## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Ph.D. in Public Health with a Specialization in Health Policy and Management

##### **Request:**

The Kent State University College of Public Health requests approval for a new specialization in Health Policy and Management within the previously approved Ph.D. in Public Health degree.

##### **Background:**

The proposed specialization in Health Policy and Management is designed to prepare students for careers as researchers, faculty members and professionals in health care and health policy settings. The specialization will provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop, analyze and advocate for policies to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

##### **Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Ph.D. in Public Health degree at Kent State University requires 90 semester credit hours, including a set of core public health courses and a 30 credit hour dissertation requirement. The proposed specialization requires students to complete 36 credit hours of specific health policy and management coursework and an additional 11 credit hours of content-related electives. Enrollment for the proposed new specialization is projected at 4-6 students in the Fall of 2012, and will be limited to 10 students at any given time.


##### **Faculty and Resources:**

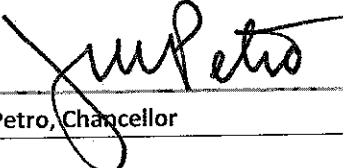
Adequate facilities and resources are in place to support the proposed program. Faculty sufficiency could become an issue if program growth outpaces faculty hiring.

**Recommendation:**

After reviewing the concerns of some RACGS members regarding the sufficiency of the faculty, the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted to recommend the program to the Chancellor for provisional approval. RACGS further recommends that the Chancellor require Kent State University to submit a progress report for the specialization four years after the program begins to demonstrate appropriate student progress and the sufficiency of faculty.

Provision approval of graduate programs in public institutions is functionally the same as full approval—the program is viewed as approved by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents for accreditation and student recruiting purposes.

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	
The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.	
	10-5-11
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor	Date

<b>APPROVED</b>	
	
Jim Petro, Chancellor	10-7-11
	Date

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