



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO Master of Health Administration

Request:

Mercy College of Ohio requests authorization to offer a Master of Health Administration program.

Background:

Mercy College of Ohio is a private Catholic institution, located in Toledo, Ohio. Tracing its heritage to Mercy School of Nursing, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1918, the college was incorporated in 1992. The college today serves nearly 1,000 students in programs at the associate, bachelor's, and master's levels. Mercy College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next review in 2019.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Master in Health Administration (MHA) is a 36 credit hour program. There will be an additional 3 credit hour required practicum course for students with less than one year of health care experience. Additionally, in order to enhance the health care experience of students with one year or more of health care experience, students will have the option to take this course in a varying credit hour format (1-3 credit hours). This option allows students to explore and gain health care experience in a department or facility that is different from their current work environment. The projected initial enrollment is 10 students with an increase to 12 students in year two, 15 in year three, and 18 in year four. The program of study will be delivered in a distance education (online) format.



Resources and Facilities:

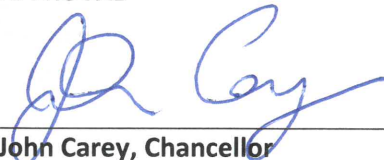

There will be a full-time director of the MHA Program who will also teach in the program. Additionally, the program will employ part-time subject matter faculty members. As enrollment grows, additional full-time faculty members will be hired to support the program. The program will be delivered in a distance education (online) format through CANVAS learning management systems, which can accommodate graduate study education. Therefore, the program will not impact the physical facilities, physical resources, or laboratory spaces used by other programs.

Recommendation to Chancellor:

Mercy College has begun the accreditation process for program approval of the Master of Health Administration with HLC. The Chancellor's staff has reviewed materials and will visit the campus when HLC visits the campus. The Chancellor's staff recommends authorization contingent upon final approval by the HLC. Continued authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports no later than June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory compliance with the Chancellor's standards or if the college fails to obtain approval for the program from HLC.

End of Comment Period: July 26, 2017 at 1:40 PM
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION	
The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
	
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVAL	
	
John Carey, Chancellor	Date

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