



University System of Ohio Board of Regents

John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Miami University/Wright State University Joint Master of Arts in Social Work

Request:

Miami University and Wright State University request approval of a new Joint Master of Arts in Social Work (MSW) degree program.

Background:

The Family Studies and Social Work program at Miami University and the Social Work Department at Wright State University propose a Joint Master of Arts in Social Work degree. The proposed joint degree will meet the needs of students and social service agencies in the central and western regions of Ohio. It targets students who live in areas of the state that are not in proximity to a current MSW program.

The mission of the proposed joint MSW degree is to prepare students from the Greater Miami Valley region to become advanced generalist social work professionals. Graduates will be life-long learners and leaders and will contribute to the social work profession with an emphasis on: effective practice; policy development; diversity and cultural competence; and social and economic justice.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The curriculum builds upon the strengths of the accredited undergraduate programs in social work at Miami University and Wright State University. Students coming into the program from disciplines other than social work, will be required to complete a year of generalist practice courses before proceeding to the advanced standing program in the second year. The second year of the program will include advanced generalist practice and concentration area (families and children or older adults) courses. The program also includes 3 terms of supervised field experience (900 hours) and a culminating experience. All students will graduate as advanced generalist practitioners, which will set the program apart from the programs at University of Cincinnati and Ohio State, which have specialized clinical and administrative tracks.

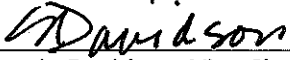
It is anticipated that a total of 30 students will be accepted into the program in the Fall of 2012. The first year will include the generalist practice courses only. The advanced standing courses will begin in the fall of 2013, at which time the universities will accept students both with and without a social work background.

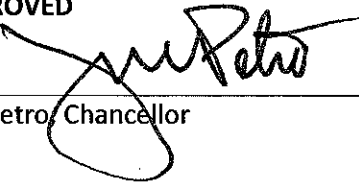
Faculty and Resources:

Adequate faculty, facilities and resources are in place to support the proposed joint degree program.

Recommendation:

The proposed Miami University/Wright State University Joint Master of Arts in Social Work degree meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

RECOMMENDATION	
The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.	
	4/25/12
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVED	
	
Jim Petro, Chancellor	4-30-12
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