



## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH)

#### **Request:**

The Ohio State University (OSU) requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH).

#### **Background:**

The Ohio State University (OSU) is a public research institution located in Columbus, Ohio with regional campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark and Wooster. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits OSU until its next review in 2017. OSU has an enrollment of more than 55,000 students in more than 400 programs of study at all levels, undergraduate and graduate.

The proposed degree program will be housed in the College of Public Health, a college accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The profession of public health focuses on a broad range of disciplines and issues involved in the prevention of human illness and injury, promotion of health behaviors, and intervention and remediation to control escalation of identified issues and problems. The Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) will focus predominantly on domestic public health issues, with some curricular emphasis on international public health concerns. The program will primarily provide an undergraduate foundation for advanced graduate and professional study in public health and other disciplines. Graduates will also be qualified for entry-level positions in public health agencies and other public or private organizations.

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

The program comprises core courses that provide an introduction to public health, including historic milestones in public health, an understanding of major issues and the political, cultural, behavioral and socioeconomic factors related to public health. Fundamental elements of the program will focus on biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health administration, and health behavior/promotion. The program provides students interdisciplinary specializations in either public health sociology or environmental public health, developed in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences. Students complete 121 semester credit hours for the undergraduate degree. Qualified students may complete a five-year (3 + 2) degree model for a combined bachelor/master's degree program.

The Ohio State University anticipates growth to a program size of approximately 80 students after four years. OSU also offers graduate study in public health.


**Faculty and Resources:**

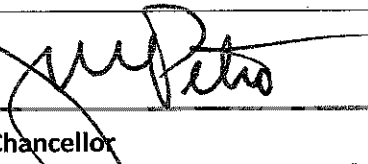
Current faculty members are sufficient in number to meet the needs of the program and provide extensive experience in all aspects of public health. Faculty members are primarily from arts and sciences and public health.

**Recommendation:**

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

End of Comment Period: August 13, 2012  
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

<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.	
	8/13/12
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor	Date

<b>APPROVED</b>	
	
Jim Petro, Chancellor	8-16-12
	Date

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