



John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio
Board of Regents

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Science

Request:

The Ohio State University seeks approval to restructure the existing Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Human Development and Family Science.

Background:

To align with the new structure of the College of Education and Human Ecology, OSU requests modifications to the existing Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Human Development and Family Science. This request is the result of three factors: the merger of the College of Education and the College of Human Ecology to form "CEHE," the present restructuring of the CEHE departmental structure, and the University's semester conversion. The modified M.S. & Ph.D. programs will serve the needs of the students with the same academic and professional interests as the current programs. The proposed restructured Ph.D. program is an integrated and distinct graduate degree that nurtures independent scholars who approach the study of development and behavior of human beings within social contexts from multiple disciplinary perspectives. It is designed to give students the opportunity to achieve a high level of scholarly competence and to develop the capacity to contribute to the knowledge of their field. The proposed restructured M.S. program is designed to give students the opportunity to gain additional knowledge and necessary skills in a field in order to engage in research and other scholarly activities, to teach, and to become practitioners.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed modifications to the curriculum of the human development and family science graduate program, as part of the semester conversion, include increased professional development seminar credit requirements and more requirements for course credits taken within the unit. The graduate core provides a strong foundation covering systems theory, research methods and statistics, and theoretical perspectives on the family. Students will only be admitted to the Ph.D. program. However, while in progress toward the Ph.D., students have the option to apply for the M.S. degree. Students must successfully complete a qualifying exam and at least 30 semester hours for the M.S. degree. The doctoral program consists of a minimum of 80 semester credit hours post baccalaureate. It is expected that student demand for the proposed modified M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Science degree programs will be similar to what OSU currently experiences.

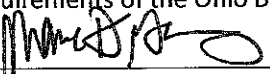
Faculty and Resources:

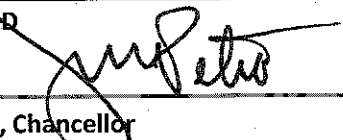
There are no anticipated additional costs associated with the proposed restructured M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Human Development and Family Science. Adequate faculty, facilities, staff and resources are in place to support the programs.

Recommendation:

The proposed modifications to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Human Development and Family Science meet the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

End of Comment Period: September 13, 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.	
	(SHANE DEGAIRMO SENIOR DIRECTOR, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: APPROVAL) 9/18/12
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVED		9-19-12
Jim Petro, Chancellor		Date

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