



Board of Regents

John R. Kasich, Governor

Jim Petro, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Ohio State University Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene

Request:

The Ohio State University requests approval for the proposed Master's degree in Dental Hygiene.

Background:

The mission of the proposed Master's degree in Dental Hygiene is to prepare graduate students for careers in dental hygiene leadership and education through various individualized educational and field experiences combined with substantive core curriculum. The program is designed for students who are licensed dental hygienists and who have already earned a bachelor's degree. The courses offered will deepen their dental hygiene knowledge, education methodology, research analysis, and provide the theory and practice of laboratory, pre-clinical and clinical dental hygiene instruction.

Currently, because the master's in dental hygiene degree is not offered in Ohio, residents of our state who seek this degree pursue their graduate education in other states. There is a shortage of educators in dental hygiene, and this faculty shortage is expected to worsen as more faculty reach retirement age, and new dental programs are opening across the country.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed curriculum requires 37 semester hours that includes a master's thesis and an internship. It is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study, or up to four years of part-time study. Degree candidates will have a maximum of five years to complete the program. Courses will be taught via distance learning to accommodate working students, as well as students outside of Franklin County. A cohort of five full-time students is expected to be enrolled for the first year, with the cohort taking two years for completion. The program can then expand as demand increases and capacity of faculty allows.

Faculty and Resources:

Adequate faculty, facilities and resources are in place to support the proposed Master's degree in Dental Hygiene.


Recommendation:

The proposed Master's degree in Dental Hygiene meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

End of Comment Period: November 22, 2012
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

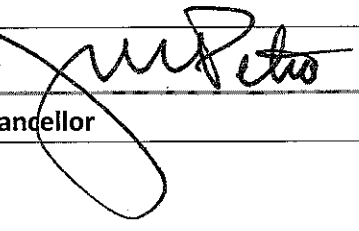
RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.


Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

11/20/2012
Date

APPROVED


Jim Petro, Chancellor

11-27-12
Date

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