



## Board of Regents

University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

### REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

#### The Ohio State University Occupational Therapy Doctorate

**Request:**

The Division of Occupational Therapy, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University requests approval for a new Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) degree.

**Background:**

The Ohio State University is a public research institution located in Columbus, Ohio, with regional campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark and Wooster. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The university proposes a new professional Occupational Therapy Doctoral degree that will be the only pathway to licensure as an occupational therapist offered at The Ohio State University. If approved, it will replace the existing Masters of Occupational Therapy program and will be the only professional degree in occupational therapy offered by The Ohio State University.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The proposed curriculum will require students to complete ninety-seven semester credits in three years (nine semesters). Students complete six months of full-time fieldwork (nine hundred sixty hours) and a sixteen-week doctoral experience in a specialty area of practice that includes research activities. Students must pass an Occupational Therapy Competency Examination in the Autumn semester of their third year. Students will also complete a capstone project in one of two pathways. The student can chose to complete 1) a program development project or 2) development and evaluation of evidence-based practice guidelines.

Enrollment in the proposed Occupational Therapy Doctorate program will be forty-four students per class.

**Faculty and Resources:**

Qualified faculty, adequate facilities and resources are in place to begin the program. There are plans to add 1.5 FTE additional faculty in the Occupational Therapy division, and a .5 FTE academic fieldwork coordinator. Additional office space for the full-time tenure track faculty will be accommodated by converting existing space.

**Recommendation:**

The proposed new Occupational Therapy Doctorate meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

End of Comment Period: November 18, 2014  
No comments received, recommend approval

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

*Davidson*

*11-24-14*

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Date

**APPROVAL**

*John Carey*

*11/25/14*

John Carey, Chancellor

Date