

Mike DeWine, Governor Randy Gardner, Chancellor

#### REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

# UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI Doctor of Occupational Therapy

## Request:

The University of Cincinnati requests approval to offer a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.

## **Background:**

The University of Cincinnati is a comprehensive public research institution founded in 1819. The university is located in Cincinnati, Ohio and has locations in Blue Ash and Clermont. The University of Cincinnati enrolls more than 44,000 students in associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next review in 2028-29. The University of Cincinnati is seeking accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

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

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy is a 123 credit hours post-bachelor's and is designed educate entry level occupational therapists at the clinical doctoral level as generalists with an opportunity for specialization through faculty guided research activities and supervised experiences. The program includes coursework in theory and OT process; functional anatomy and kinesiology; clinical conditions: pediatrics; introduction to assessment and evaluation in OT; research methods and EBP in OT; pediatric OT evaluation and treatment; clinical conditions II: adult; level 1 fieldwork: pediatrics OT; brain, behavior, and human performance; gerontology OT evaluation and interventions; neuromusculoskeletal OT evaluation and interventions; level 1 fieldwork: neuromusculoskeletal/gerontology OT; orthotics and assistive technology; mental health evaluation and intervention in OT; scholarship of teaching and learning; global health practices; and health policy and advocacy. The program culminates in a capstone experience.

The University of Cincinnati projects enrollment of 28.67 FTE in year one growing to 72.36 FTE in the fourth year.

#### **Faculty and Resources:**

The University of Cincinnati has adequately planned for the delivery of this program.

#### Recommendation:

After review of the proposal, the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies determined that the Doctor of Occupational Therapy meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degree programs and, on July November 19, 2021, voted 14 *yes* and 0 no to recommend approval. Approval may be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgement the University of Cincinnati fails to meet the Chancellor's standards for graduate degree programs, or the institution receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission or the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

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**End of Comment Period**: 12/8/2021 at 12:05pm **No comments received, recommend approval** 

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Associate Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

/s/ Stephanie McCann 12/8/2021

Stephanie McCann, Associate Vice Chancellor of Date Program Development & Approval

APPROVAL

12/23/2021

Randy Gardner, Chancellor Date

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