



John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

University System of Ohio
Board of Regents

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Bachelor of Science in Signed Language Interpreting

Request:

The University of Cincinnati requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Signed Language Interpreting.

Background:

The University of Cincinnati (UC) is a public research institution located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) accredits the University of Cincinnati until its next review in 2019. UC has an enrollment of more than 31,000 students in more than 300 programs of study at all degree levels, associate to doctoral degree.

The proposed degree program will be housed in the School of Education within the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Service (CECH). The Signed Language Interpreting program is currently a specialization within Literacy and Second Language Studies in the School of Education. The Signed Language Interpreting program educates students in both community and educational interpreting. Some settings served by signed language interpreters include education, mental health, medical, legal, workplace and business. The Ohio School for the Deaf, Interpreting and Sign Languages Department provides professional development and assistance to educational interpreters and is a professional resource for the program. Certified interpreters must currently have an associate degree. Effective June 30, 2012, candidates for Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) certification must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Bachelor of Science in Signed Language Interpreting provides knowledge and skill opportunities in the study of signed language, theories of interpreting and discourse, learning issues for the deaf, legal issues and numerous opportunities for fieldwork and clinical practice. Students in the proposed program will have two options: an on-campus cohort for students interested in the profession and an online cohort for professionals employed as interpreters who have completed an associate degree program in Signed Language Interpreting. In addition to current students in the specialization (30), UC anticipates approximately 10 new students in the first year of the program and an overall program size of 80 after four years.


Faculty and Resources:

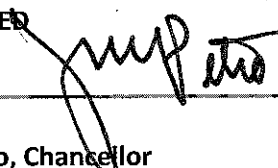
Current faculty members are sufficient in number to meet the needs of the program. Facilities are sufficient to support the program and clinical sites are identified each year, as needed.

Recommendation:

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

End of Comment Period: December 20, 2011
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.	
	12/21/11
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor	Date

APPROVED	
	
12-27-11	
Jim Petro, Chancellor	Date

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