

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, December 11, 2009

DECISION ITEM A-3:

Doctor of Nursing Practice To Be Offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus and Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) to be offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus and Statewide via Distance Education Technology, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, November 25, 2009; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, November 25, 2009.

Background

Indiana University's proposed Doctor of Nursing Practice is designed as a post-MSN practice-focused professional doctorate. "Post-MSN" means students must have a Master of Science in Nursing to be admitted and complete 37 semester credit hours to complete the DNP. The Commission has authorized three other DNP programs within the past four years: Purdue West Lafayette (December 2005), USI (December 2007), and Ball State (June 2008). The Commission has been expecting a DNP proposal from Indiana University for the IUPUI campus, which offers Indiana's only Ph.D. in Nursing program.

The DNP is designed as a distance education degree, with only one course – an intensive, one-week experience offered in the summer – requiring an on-campus presence. With the exception just cited and the practicum, all courses are offered in a hybrid distance education format, i.e. most of the content could be covered asynchronously, with students completing assignments online in accordance with their own schedules. However, a course would typically also include three or four synchronous components, in which all students would interact in real time utilizing web-based conferencing technology. Having the DNP available in a distance education format will provide opportunities to students in all parts of the state. It is unclear how many additional DNP programs, if any, the state needs.

Graduates of the DNP program would be qualified to fill leadership positions that could result in delivering health care

more effectively and efficiently. DNP graduates could also serve as nursing faculty, thereby helping to expand the state's capacity to prepare more RNs. Approval of the DNP at this time would enable IUPUI to seek federal funding from the U.S. Division of Nursing to help implement the program and admit students beginning in fall 2010.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract - Doctor of Nursing Practice To Be Offered by Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus and Statewide via Distance Education Technology, November 25, 2009*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – Doctor of Nursing Practice, November 25, 2009*

Abstract

Doctor of Nursing Practice
To Be Offered by
Indiana University at its IUPUI Campus
and Statewide Via Distance Education Technology

November 25, 2009

Objectives: To prepare graduates to assume leadership positions in nursing and health care, both at system and direct patient care levels. Graduates will contribute to quality improvement and patient safety through systems thinking, reflective practice, informatics, translation science, and evidence-based clinical practice.

Clientele to be Served: Registered nurses who hold master's degrees in nursing.

Curriculum: A total of 37 semester credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Professional Coursework (37 credit hours)

- Clinical Information Systems (3)
- Health Care Outcomes and Decision Making (3)
- Clinical Epidemiology and Statistics in Nursing (3)
- Inquiry I & II: Evidence-based Research and Translation Science (6)
- Influencing Public Health Policy (3)
- Strategic Resource Management in Nursing and Health Systems (3)
- DNP Practicum (1-3 credits)
- Knowledge Complexity (3)
- Relationship-Centered Leadership in Complex Systems (3)
- Elective (3)

Employment Possibilities: Holders of the DNP degree may seek careers in primary health care, complex health care systems, nursing informatics, patient safety, and in clinical nursing education.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

November 25, 2009

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University to be offered at its IUPUI Campus

Program: Doctor of Nursing Practice

	Year 1 FY2010	Year 2 FY2011	Year 3 FY2012	Year 4 FY2013	Year 5 FY2014
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Part-Time	<u>17</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>74</u>
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Part-Time	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
Degree Completions Projection	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
New State Funds Requested (Actual) *	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
New State Funds Requested (Increases) *	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

II. Prepared by CHE

New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Actual) *	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Increases) *	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

CHE Code: 09-45

Campus Code: 1813

County: Marion

Degree Level: 10

CIP Code: Federal – 511601; State – 511601

* Excludes new state dollars that may be provided through enrollment change funding.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

November 25, 2009

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University Indianapolis – Statewide via Distance Education Technology

Program: Doctor of Nursing Practice

	Year 1 FY2010	Year 2 FY2011	Year 3 FY2012	Year 4 FY2013	Year 5 FY2014
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Part-Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Part-Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Degree Completions Projection	0	0	20	20	20
New State Funds Requested (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds Requested (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

II. Prepared by CHE

New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CHE Code: 09-45
 Campus Code: 1813
 County: All 92 counties
 Degree Level: 10
 CIP Code: Federal – 511601; State – 511601

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