

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 12, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-2:

Master of Social Work To Be Offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve Master of Social Work (MSW to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, July 29, 2011; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, July 29, 2011.

Background

Indiana State University currently offers a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), which enrolled 112 headcount students in FY2010 and graduated 14 students that same year. The B.S.W. is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the same body from which the University would seek accreditation for the proposed M.S.W.

Two other Indiana universities currently offer M.S.W. programs accredited by CSWE: IUPUI and USI. In FY2010, the IUPUI and USI M.S.W. programs together enrolled over 700 headcount students and graduated nearly 200 students.

Consistent with ISU's other health care programs, the proposed M.S.W. will place special emphasis on underserved and rural populations. More specifically, the M.S.W. program will work with the Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) to place students and to improve health, mental health, and addiction care in underserved and rural communities. RHIC was created in 2008 and is focused on improving the education and training of current and future health care professionals who are committed to serving rural and underserved populations. In addition to ISU, RHIC partners include the IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute, Ivy Tech Terre Haute, and the Indiana Rural Health Association.

According to projections made by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2018, with mental health and substance abuse social workers projected to increase by 20 percent over the 2008-18 decade. The West Central Indiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

calculates that ratio of licensed social workers to the population in that region is approximately half that of the state. The AHEC also identifies master's prepared social workers as one of nine health professions in the region having the greatest shortages.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract – Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, July 29, 2011*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – Master of Social Work, July 29, 2011*

Abstract

Master of Social Work
To Be Offered by
Indiana State University at Terre Haute

July 29, 2011

Objectives: To provide clinical services in mental health, addictions, and health with a special emphasis on rural populations, and focusing on the development of clinical competencies in caring for individuals, families, groups, and communities, to evaluate, develop, and implement programs and policy in multiple mental health and healthcare settings.

Clientele to be Served: Bachelor of Social Work graduates and graduates from other undergraduate programs looking to pursue their MSW degree.

Curriculum: A total of 60 graduate credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Core Courses (23 credit hours)

- History/Philosophy of Social Work (2)
- Human Behavior & the Social Environment I & II (6)
- Social Welfare Policy (3)
- Social Work Practice I & II (6)
- Culturally Competent Practice (3)
- Social Work Research & Evidence-Based Practice (3)

Guided Elective (3 credit hours)

- Rural Social Work Practice (3)

Concentrations

Mental Health and Addictions (6 credit hours)

- Social Work & Addiction (3)
- Families/Couples Therapy (3) or
- Specialty Practice Social Work (3)

Health (6 credit hours)

- Social Work & Health (3)
- Palliative & End of Life Care (Interdisciplinary; 3) or
- Specialty Practice Social Work (3)

Clinical Practice Courses (28 credit hours)

- Psychopathology in Social Work (3)
- Social Work Practice – Groups (3)
- Field Practicum (3)
- Advanced Clinical Practice (3)
- Advanced Policy (3)
- Advanced Research I & II (4)
- Clinical Field Practicum I & II (8)
- Culminating Project (1)

Employment Possibilities: Opportunities for social workers exist in the areas of clinical practice, leadership roles, consulting and education.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

July 29, 2011

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana State University to be offered at Terre Haute
 Program: Master of Social Work

	Year 1 FY2013	Year 2 FY2014	Year 3 FY2015	Year 4 FY2016	Year 5 FY2017
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	20	50	50	50	50
Part-Time	0	0	10	20	30
Total	20	50	60	70	80
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	20	50	50	50	50
Part-Time	0	0	5	10	15
Total	20	50	55	60	65
Degree Completions Projection	0	30	30	30	30
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: 11-19
 Campus Code: 9563
 County: Vigo
 Degree Level: 07
 CIP Code: Federal - 511503; State - 511503

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