

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, December 9, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-3:

Master of Social Work To Be Offered by Indiana University-Indianapolis as a One-time Cohort at Indiana University Southeast

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Social Work to be offered by Indiana University-Indianapolis as a one-time cohort at Indiana University Southeast, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, November 25, 2011.

Background

Indiana University seeks authorization to offer the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) on a one-time basis to a single cohort of part-time students, who will complete the program over a three-year period by attending classes on Fridays on the Indiana University Southeast campus. The curriculum will be the same as that offered in Indianapolis, except that only one of the five M.S.W. concentrations (Child Welfare) will be available to this cohort of students. This reflects the sharp focus of this offering: to upgrade the capabilities of public child welfare workers in targeted, underserved counties in southern Indiana.

The proposed one-time offering results from a long-time “Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership” between the School of Social Work and the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) to provide educational opportunities to DCS employees. Since the partnership began in 2001, more than 100 DCS employees have earned an M.S.W. from Indiana University.

The current contract between Indiana University and DCS for the educational services provided by the School of Social Work totals \$3 million, with DCS dedicating federal Title IV-E funding to upgrade the educational preparation of its workforce. Because of the unmet needs in southern Indiana, DCS has decided to pay for ten of its employees to go through the proposed program. The University expects that at least another 15 students will enroll in the program on their own, some of whom might enter the cohort through advanced standing status in year two.

Most of the students who enroll in the program are expected to be working in the field of social work, with many employed as public child welfare administrators and family case managers. As a result of earning an M.S.W., many graduates over time will move into leadership positions as supervisors, division

managers, county directors, regional managers, and state office managers and directors.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract – Master of Social Work To Be Offered by Indiana University-Indianapolis as a One-time Cohort at Indiana University Southeast, November 25, 2011.*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – Master of Social Work, November 25, 2011*

Abstract

Master of Social Work
To Be Offered by
Indiana University-Indianapolis as a
One-time Cohort at Indiana University Southeast

November 25, 2011

Objectives: To provide individuals in the New Albany area and surrounding counties with part-time graduate social work education, that is both geographically accessible and time specific, to directly impact the quality of child welfare and related social services in the region.

Clientele to be Served: Both recent baccalaureate degree graduates as well as current human service agency employees.

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

Foundation Coursework (15 credit hours)

- Professional Social Work at the Masters Level: An Immersion (3)
- Research I (3)
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)
- Professional Practice Skills I (3)
- Social Policy Analysis and Practice

Intermediate Coursework (15 credit hours; Advanced Standing students begin with these courses)

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3)
- Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups II (3)
- Social Work Practice II: Organizations, Communities, Societies (3)
- Assessment in Mental Health and Addictions (3)
- Social Work Practicum I (3)

Child Welfare Concentration (30 credit hours)

- Practice Research Integrative Seminar I (3)
- Executive Leadership Practice (3)
- Social Policy & Services: Child Welfare (3)
- Child Welfare Practice I: Children Impacted by Family Violence (3)
- Child Welfare Practice II: Diverse & Transitional Families (3)
- Community Based Practice with Children and Families (3)
- Special Topics in Social Work Practice with Children and Families (3)
- Practicum II (4)
- Practicum III (5)

Employment Possibilities: The Department of Child Services is a major employer looking for employees with the specialized skills that will be taught as part of the program at IU Southeast. Across the southern tier of Indiana counties, the department employs more than 200 people to work directly with the children and families involved with the agency and contracts with a variety of local agencies to provide a range of social work services.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

November 25, 2011

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University-Indianapolis to be offered as a one-time cohort at IU Southeast

Program: Master of Social Work

	Year 1 FY2012	Year 2 FY2013	Year 3 FY2014	Year 4 FY2015	Year 5 FY2016
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	0	0	0		
Part-Time	20	25	21		
Total	20	25	21		
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	0	0	0		
Part-Time	18	19	18		
Total	18	19	18		
Degree Completions Projection	0	0	21		
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: 11-35

Campus Code: 1813

County: Floyd

Degree Level: 11

CIP Code: Federal – 440701; State – 440701

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