

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 10, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-1:

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy To Be Offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Science (M.S.) in Occupational Therapy to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, May 27, 2011; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, May 27, 2011.

Background

Two public universities (Indiana University at IUPUI and the University of Southern Indiana), and one independent institution (University of Indianapolis) offer accredited master's programs in Occupational Therapy. The proposed Indiana State University program, which is projected to have 30 graduates per year at steady state, will have a special emphasis on serving rural communities. In this regard, the University will utilize its existing Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) in placing Occupational Therapy students in rural, clinical settings.

The proposed program has been designed to meet the accreditation standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). All AOTA accredited programs have made the transition from the baccalaureate level to the master's level, which is the entry-level educational requirement for the profession. Of the 155 programs accredited by AOTA, all are entry-level master's or combined baccalaureate/master's programs, with the exception of five entry-level doctoral programs. All but three states have at least one AOTA accredited program.

The U.S. Department of Labor has designated Occupational Therapy as an occupation for which there is a national shortage and includes the profession among the 20 fastest growing occupations, with 27 percent more employed Occupational Therapists projected by 2016. The Indiana Department of Workforce Development projects a similar increase at the state level.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract* – Master of Science in Occupational Therapy to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, May 27, 2011
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary* –M.S. in Occupational Therapy, May 27, 2011

Abstract

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
To Be Offered by
Indiana State University at Terre Haute

May 27, 2011

Objectives: To provide competent health care providers in occupational therapy who possess basic skills as a direct care provider, consultant, educator, manager, researcher, and advocate for the profession and the consumer; to decrease the occupational shortage in Terre Haute, rural communities, and the nation; and to improve patient access and quality care for rural and underserved populations.

Clientele to be Served: Post-baccalaureate students who desire a professional career as an Occupational Therapist. Students will enter the program with baccalaureate degrees from an array of disciplines including, but not limited to, Athletic Training, Biology, Psychology, Exercise Science, and other allied health care profession degree programs.

Curriculum: A total of 81 graduate credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Occupational Therapy Didactic Core Courses (40 credit hours)

Occupational Therapy Introduction (2)
OT Process and Theory (3)
Assistive Technology (2)
OT Rehabilitation Disability Participation (4)
OT Work & Industry (2)
Older Adult & Aging (3)
OT Mental Health Advocacy (4)
OT with Children and Youth (5)
Participatory Outcome/Research (3)
Reasoning & Complex Clients (3)
Management and Leadership (3)
Advance Upper Extremity Conditions (3)
Research Project (3)

Occupational Therapy Skill Courses (Laboratory; 6 credit hours)

Skills I (2)
Skills II (2)
Skills III (2)

Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Courses (9 credit hours)

Fieldwork IA Rehab & Work (1)
Fieldwork IB Pediatrics & Mental Health (1)
Fieldwork IC Community & Older Adults (1)
Fieldwork IIA (3)
Fieldwork IIB (3)

Core Courses Other Disciplines (26 credit hours)

Research Methods in AMR (3)

Advanced Pathophysiology (3)

Health Behavior Theory (3)

Biomechanics (3)

Advanced Human Anatomy (8)

Applied Neuroscience (3)

Pharmacology (3)

Employment Possibilities: The majority of OT employment is in ambulatory healthcare services. Other major employers are hospitals, offices of other health practitioners, public and private educational services, nursing care facilities, home healthcare services, outpatient care centers, offices of physicians, individual and family services, community care facilities, community care facilities for the elderly, and government agencies.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

May 27, 2011

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana State University to be offered at Terre Haute

Program: M.S. in Occupational Therapy

| | Year 1 FY2013 | Year 2 FY2014 | Year 3 FY2015 | Year 4 FY2016 | Year 5 FY2017 |
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| Enrollment Projections (Headcount) | | | | | |
| Full-Time | <u>30</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> |
| Part-Time | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | <u>30</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> |
| Enrollment Projections (FTE) | | | | | |
| Full-Time | <u>30</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> |
| Part-Time | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | <u>30</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>90</u> |
| Degree Completions Projection | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>30</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

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| 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: 11-17

Campus Code: 9563

County: Vigo

Degree Level: 07

CIP Code: Federal - 512306; State - 512306

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