

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, March 12, 2010

DECISION ITEM A-3:

Doctor of Nursing Practice To Be Offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) to be offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, February 26, 2010; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, February 26, 2010.

Background

Indiana State 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 39 semester credit hours to complete the D.N.P. The Commission has authorized four other D.N.P. programs within as many years: Purdue West Lafayette (December 2005), USI (December 2007), Ball State (June 2008), and Indiana University at its IUPUI campus (December 2009). ISU is the last remaining public university that does not offer the D.N.P.

Rural Emphasis One way ISU intends to distinguish its program from the similar programs is to place special emphasis on preparing D.N.P.s for rural settings, which is something the University has emphasized in other health programs. Building on many previous efforts in the preceding years, ISU was a founding member of the Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (the RHIC), whose other members include the IU School of Medicine, Union Hospital and its Richard G. Lugar Center for Rural Health, the Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation, the City of Terre Haute, and Ivy Tech Wabash Valley.

Priorities and Resources Indiana State University is not requesting any new state funds to launch this program. Instead, the University is reallocating funds that have become available, in large part, as a result of a *Program Prioritization* exercise, which was launched in 2005 and discussed at the Commission's June 2008 meeting. By the University's calculation, this

initiative resulted in eliminating 23 percent of its program inventory.

Corollary to this effort, the University concluded that it needed to place greater strategic emphasis on health-related programs, which led to two developments. In a move that was discussed at the Commission's March 2007 meeting, ISU consolidated units from two existing colleges (Health and Human Performance, Nursing) into a new college (Nursing, Health, and Human Services). The University began an ambitious campaign to launch new degree programs through the newly established College. At its February 2010 meeting, the Commission approved a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies for ISU. On the present agenda for action are the Doctor of Physical Therapy and the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

The University has also signaled its intent to bring forward four additional health and human services related program proposals by this time next year: a Master of Social Work and doctoral programs in Pharmacy, Health Science, and Podiatry. Quite aside from any consideration of the potential merits or concerns associated with the individual proposals themselves, the prospect of the ISU launching, in the space of little more than a year, seven new graduate programs – the four just referenced, the one last month, and the two on this month's agenda – does raise a serious question about the strain this would put on University resources, especially given the complexity and expense of these programs, as well as the stringent accreditation standards that all will be required to meet.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract – Doctor of Nursing Practice To Be Offered by Indiana State University at Terre Haute, February 26, 2010.*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – DNP, February 26, 2010.*

Abstract

Doctor of Nursing Practice
To Be Offered by
Indiana State University at Terre Haute

February 26, 2010

Objectives: To provide care as advanced practice providers with a special emphasis on rural and underserved populations.

Clientele to be Served: Nurses with a Master of Science in nursing currently practicing as nurse practitioners with a desire to work in underserved and rural communities, or in nursing education.

Curriculum: A total of 39 post master's credit hours and a total of 500 clinical hours in a variety of settings are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Core Courses (12 credit hours)

- Epidemiology (3)
- Organizational Informatics (3)
- Health Policy Leadership (3)
- Analytical Methods (3)

DNP Cognate Courses (9 credit hours)

- Community Health Planning (3)
- Culturally Competent Care (3)
- Rural/Underserved Residency (3)

Guided Elective (3 credit hours)

- Nursing Education (Curriculum, Assessment, Methods) or
- Nursing Administration (Finance)

DNP Scholarship of Practice Courses (15 credit hours)

- Scholarly Project I, II, III, IV (12)
- Capstone Scholarly Project (3)

Employment Possibilities: Employment opportunities exist in the areas of clinical practice, leadership roles, consulting, and education.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

February 26, 2010

I. Prepared by Institution

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

Program: DNP

	Year 1 FY2011	Year 2 FY2012	Year 3 FY2013	Year 4 FY2014	Year 5 FY2015
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Part-Time	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Part-Time	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>350</u>
Degree Completions Projection	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</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: 10-03

Campus Code: 9563

County: Vigo

Degree Level: 09

CIP Code: Federal – 511699; State – 511699

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