

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, February 11, 2011

### DECISION ITEM A-2:

#### Master of Science in Nursing To Be Offered by Indiana University at Kokomo and East (Richmond)

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing to be offered by Indiana University at Kokomo and East (Richmond), in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, January 28, 2011; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, January 28, 2011.

#### Background

Master's degrees in Nursing are available at most public university campuses, including three regional campuses (IU South Bend, IPFW, and Purdue Calumet). In FY2010, these programs enrolled a total of 1,885 headcount or 859 FTE students and produced 381 graduates.

The shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs) has been widely reported and is expected to get even worse as those in the Baby Boomer generation begin to require more health care services at the same time the large numbers of RNs, who are of that generation, retire in greater numbers. One reason for the shortage of RNs is an insufficient number of RNs who are qualified to teach in Nursing programs, which is exacerbated by an unfavorable salary differential between Nursing faculty and their colleagues in employed in the health care sector. Approval of this program will expand the pool of RNs qualified to teach both in associate and baccalaureate Nursing programs.

Two tracks are available in the proposed M.S. in Nursing: Nursing Education and Nursing Administration. Graduates of the Nursing Education track will be prepared to successfully pass the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Certification Exam, which together with appropriate work experience, qualifies one to become a CNE through the National League for Nursing (NLN). Graduates of the Nursing Administration track will be prepared for administrative certifications available through two professional groups: (1) the American Organization of Nurse Executives and (2) the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

A notable feature of the proposed programs is their collaborative nature. While each campus will offer a separate program and will seek separate accreditation from the NLN, the two campuses will collaborate on the offering of several required and elective courses, which will be taught online.

Approval of the M.S. in Nursing is consistent with the regional campus agreement, which defined the missions of those campuses to include the offering of master's programs in key professional areas that are aimed at meeting important, regional workforce needs.

### **Supporting Documents**

- (1) *Abstract – Master of Science in Nursing To Be Offered by Indiana University at Kokomo and East (Richmond), January 28, 2011*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – January 28, 2011*

## **Abstract**

Master of Science in Nursing  
To Be Offered by  
Indiana University at Kokomo and East (Richmond)

January 28, 2011

**Objectives:** To prepare registered nurses with advance practice nursing knowledge in the areas of nursing education and administration.

**Clientele to be Served:** Students in this program will be practicing Registered Nurses (RNs) who have a baccalaureate degree in nursing and who seek to pursue graduate education in nursing.

**Curriculum:** A total of 39 semester credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Core Courses (18 credit hours)

Measurement and Data Analysis (3)

Nursing Theory I (3)

Nursing Research Methods I (3)

Advanced Practice Concepts I & II (6)

Introduction to Nursing Informatics (3)

Nursing Education (15 credit hours)

Teaching of Nursing (3)

Nursing Curriculum (3)

Evaluation in Nursing (3)

Computer Technologies for Nurse Educators (3)

Elective (3)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)

Research Study (3)

Nursing Education Practicum (3)

**Employment Possibilities:** This program will enable graduates to function in advanced level management positions at hospitals, clinics, surgery centers, extended care facilities, and nurse managed health centers, as well as a multitude of community agencies.

**NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

January 28, 2011

**I. Prepared by Institution**

Institution/Location: Indiana University at Kokomo and East (Richmond)

Program: M.S. in Nursing

	Year 1 FY2012	Year 2 FY2013	Year 3 FY2014	Year 4 FY2015	Year 5 FY2016
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Part-Time	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Part-Time	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
Degree Completions Projection	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</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: 10-38

Campus Code: 1814 & 1811

County: Howard & Wayne

Degree Level: 07

CIP Code: Federal – 513801; State – 513801

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