

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, March 12, 2010

DECISION ITEM A-6: Master of Science in Education To Be Offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg

Staff Recommendation

Pending.

Background

General At its February 2010 meeting, the Commission for Higher Education discussed both the Indiana University East and Ball State University master's degrees in Education. The discussion centered around several topics, including:

- Whether a master's degree in education has a positive impact, no impact, or a negative impact on teacher performance and student learning;
- The extent to which the impact of a master's degree on teacher performance and student learning depends on the amount of subject matter content in the curriculum of the master's degree;
- Whether teachers with master's degrees had better morale and stayed in the classroom longer than those who don't;
- How to translate U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's call for a complete overhaul of teacher education into concrete steps here in Indiana;

The Commission is still gathering information related to these issues.

Specific At its October 2006 meeting, the Commission for Higher Education authorized IU East to offer the M.S. in Education in Richmond, which has enrolled a total of 44 students since its inception. The current proposal is to offer this same degree program in Lawrenceburg, in response to calls from that area – by superintendents, principals, and teachers – who seek options for pursuing further education.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract* - Master of Science in Education to be offered by Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg, February 26, 2010.
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary* – M.S. in Education, February 26, 2010.

Abstract

Master of Science in Education
To Be Offered by
Indiana University East at Lawrenceburg

February 26, 2010

Objectives: To provide a quality on-site masters degree for area teachers, and to provide graduate level coursework to meet professional development and/or recertification needs of area teachers.

Clientele to be Served: Currently practicing area teachers.

Curriculum: A total of 36 semester credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Major Area (18 credit hours)

- Best Practice Academy (15 credit hours)
 - Differentiated Instruction (3)
 - Advanced Reading Methods (3)
 - Special Needs (3)
 - Learning Environments: Community of Learners (3)
 - Action Research: Reflective Best Practice (3)
- Instruction in the Context of Curriculum (3)

Foundations and Content (12 credit hours)

- Foundations of Education (3; chosen from a list of University approved courses)
- Electives (9; chosen from graduate courses appropriate to content licensure, graduate major or professional objectives)

Thesis/Practicum (6 credit hours)

- Thesis **or**
- Practicum

Employment Possibilities: Rather than creating new employment possibilities, the attainment of this degree will enhance the skills of those currently in the profession and enable them to take on greater leadership roles in their schools.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

February 26, 2010

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University East to be offered at Lawrenceburg

Program: M.S. in Education

	Year 1 FY2010	Year 2 FY2011	Year 3 FY2012	Year 4 FY2013	Year 5 FY2014
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Part-Time	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Part-Time	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Degree Completions Projection	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</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: 09-26

Campus Code: 1811

County: Dearborn

Degree Level: 07

CIP Code: Federal - 130101; State - 130101

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