

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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February 19, 2015

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New Degree Program

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a new undergraduate degree program, Bachelor of Arts in Child's Life, to be offered by the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 2015

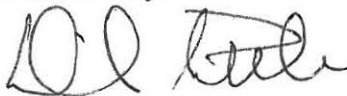
The College of Education, Health, and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes to establish a new undergraduate program, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child's Life. This proposed program will prepare students to protect and advocate for children in hospitals and health networks, and is expected to experience significant professional growth, as it is almost universally recognized that childhood stress experiences affect adult health and well-being.

Students trained in the art of a child's life are educated to help families and children thrive during life's most stressful and challenging events. The profession's emphasis on child development and healthy family coping skills promotes survival and persistence through play, education and self-expression. The importance of family and family support is recognized in the curriculum and promotes the provision of support and guidance for parents, siblings, family members and the child. Child's life professionals combine both health and education skills by bridging the gap between families, administrators, caregivers, the general public and the child under stress. University of Michigan-Dearborn graduates are fully prepared to certify as Child's Life specialists through the exam offered by the Child Life Council.

The dean, the Executive Committee, and the governing faculty of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services have approved the Bachelor of Arts degree in Child's Life. The Council of Deans, Graduate Board and the provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs of the University of Michigan-Dearborn have extended their approval. The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan approved the new program on January 16, 2015.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:



Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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