

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

**SUBJECT:** New Master degree program  
**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval to offer a new Master of Health Professions Education program to be coordinated by the Medical School  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 18, 2013


The Medical School proposes a new Master of Health Professions Education (MHPE) degree program. The program will be coordinated by the Medical School in collaboration with other University of Michigan health professions schools including the School of Nursing, the School of Dentistry, the School of Pharmacy, and the School of Social Work.

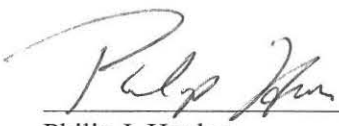
The goal of the program will be to train and graduate a cadre of leaders in education in the health professions of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and social work. The program will target practicing educators and provide them with an innovative, competency-based curriculum suited to their professional development in their existing professional setting.

Faculty in health professions schools seldom receive formal training in education. However, there is growing awareness about the necessity of more formal training in education that has increased demand for programs such as the MHPE. UM alone has over 2,800 faculty in its health professions schools, and this program can help meet that internal need. In addition, new medical schools operating within the State of Michigan will also have the need for more formally trained educators, and the national and international audience is strong and growing. Numerous individuals from across the globe have already approached us about the possibility of doing masters-level study at UM.

The proposed degree has received approval by the Medical School's Executive Committee and has been reviewed by the Office of the Provost. We request that the Regents approve the new graduate degree, "Master of Health Professions Education". The program will be implemented upon approval from the President's Council of the State Universities of Michigan, pending approval by the Board of Regents.

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
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Attachment