

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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May 15, 2014

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New degree program

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a new Master of Science in Health Information Technology degree program to be offered by the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2014

The College of Education, Health, and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes to establish a new graduate program, Master of Science degree in Health Information Technology. This proposed program will prepare students for careers in hospitals and health networks, and is expected to experience significant professional growth, as it is supportive of the Affordable Care Act.

Medical organizations are Information Technology (IT) intensive and rely on IT professionals with healthcare knowledge to design, implement, manage and utilize their IT resources. Healthcare delivery and services need to capitalize both patient care and costs as advances in information technologies change the way patients receive services and consume information. This program will develop the ability to apply IT knowledge to solve organizational problems; to be conversant with concepts, terminology, institutions, professionals and methods of healthcare; and to provide IT solutions in healthcare contexts. Both healthcare consumers and providers will benefit from integrated technology systems that facilitate improved results and outcome reporting.

The dean, the Executive Committee, and the governing faculty of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services have approved the Master of Science in Health Information Technology. 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 April 11, 2014.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:



Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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