

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.5 Marietta College; Master of Arts in Psychology Degree Program

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program be approved through December 31, 2007 to coincide with the institution's reauthorization date. Yearly progress reviews of the program will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents by December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2005.

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio  
Master of Arts in Psychology Degree Program

## **BACKGROUND**

**Marietta College**  
Marietta, Ohio

### **Master of Arts in Psychology**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION**

**This program clearly meets Regents standards for graduate programs. There were no serious concerns raised in the review process.**

Marietta College, a private independent liberal arts college in Marietta, Ohio, has proposed a Master of Arts in Psychology degree program. The College currently is authorized to deliver three other master's level programs: 1) a Master's in Physician Assistants degree program in which a part of the program is collaboratively delivered with Ohio University—Athens; 2) a Master of Arts in Liberal Learning degree program; and 3) a Master of Arts in Education.

The Master of Arts in Psychology proposed program's purpose is to provide advanced education in the field of psychology, to help students further their educational/professional goals, and to provide area health care and education facilities with interns and clinicians. The program will build upon the very successful undergraduate program in psychology at Marietta.

The program is aligned with the mission and purpose of the institution by: 1) seeking the integration of advanced professional study and practice, i.e., the combination of theoretical and experiential learning; and 2) seeking to educate students in a contemporary liberal arts tradition.

The institution is currently authorized by the Regents to deliver the following programs: Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Undergraduate Teacher Education Tracks, and the three graduate programs mentioned above.

Academic control of the proposed program is clearly outlined and described in the proposal materials, including appropriate administrative services to accommodate the new program. The institution has a graduate office structure to accommodate new graduate programming. Further, the institution has established guidelines and procedures for mentoring new graduate faculty and staff.

Curriculum for the proposed program was developed through the standardized procedures for curriculum development at the College with faculty having primary responsibility for development and maintenance of curriculum, and the curriculum is comparable with similar nationally recognized programs. The proposal also meets nationally accepted standards for graduate programming.

Clinical sites for the new graduate program are identified and the College has many well established agreements with area educational and healthcare related facilities/agencies in the greater Marietta area that were initiated through the undergraduate program over the years.

Faculty identified for the proposed program are appropriately credentialed and faculty policies and procedures at Marietta College are clearly defined and described in the Faculty Handbook and program materials.

Student services as related to the new program have been identified and will be implemented upon initial authorization by the Regents. Adequate library resources are provided for students at Marietta College through a well equipped campus library that is also a member institution of OhioLINK (OPAL). Additionally, through the Master in Physician Assistant's program, the College has a library-use agreement with Ohio University.

The financial plan for the new program reflects adequate projected resources for the new program over the next three years, including resource allocations for library resources.

Marietta College's policies on gender, culture and ethnic diversity are well-established and implemented at all levels of institutional organization and in the institution's initiatives for a diverse student population.

Graduates of the degree program will find numerous career and educational opportunities, such as application to doctoral level programs and related certification programs and instructional opportunities.