

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### Baldwin-Wallace College Bachelor of Science, Public Health

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Baldwin-Wallace College meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Science, Public Health program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2019 to coincide with the college's next institutional reauthorization review with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by June 30, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.**

**Profile:** Baldwin-Wallace College, located in Berea, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Originally established in 1845, the college today serves nearly 4,400 students within an "academic community committed to the liberal arts and sciences as the foundation for lifelong learning."

**Accreditation/Authorization:** Baldwin-Wallace College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The Chancellor has authorized the institution since October 1969.

**Program Information:** The college is requesting authorization to deliver a Public Health major within its existing Bachelor of Science degree. The program is designed to "produce graduates who demonstrate entry level competence in the five core areas of public health: biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, health policy, and social/behavioral sciences." Students complete a total of forty-six semester hours in the major, which includes a senior field experience at a public health agency and the development of a professional portfolio.

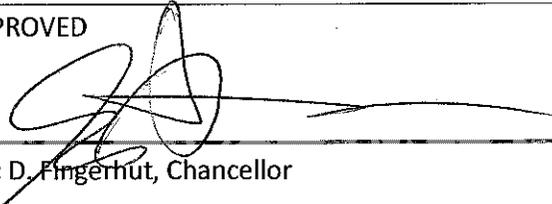
**Review Results:** The review team noted several strengths in the review, including: the program mission is aligned with the institutional mission; the program complements existing health-related programs offered at the college; the program goals align with the five core areas in public health; the inclusion of an internship in the program; the policies and procedures in place to assess the program; and the resources in place to support the program.

The team also noted some areas of non-compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: submit specific admissions criteria for the program; identify how students will be tracked once they graduate; explain why courses such as health behavior, program planning and evaluation, and methods and materials in public health are not included in the curriculum; provide a plan to identify more faculty trained in public health; and clarify the length of the internship, how the placement sites will be identified, and how the sites will be supervised.

The institution responded appropriately to the recommendations of the consultant's report by demonstrating how the recommendations were accepted and integrated into the proposed program, or, in the case of recommendations that could only be complied with over time, by presenting a clear plan for the implementation of the recommendations and a timeline for such.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** Baldwin-Wallace College meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Science, Public Health program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2019 to coincide with the college's next institutional reauthorization review with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by June 30, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

End of Comment Period: December 6, 2010  
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor
12/15/10 Date

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