

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

ANTIOCH COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Request:

Antioch College requests initial authorization to offer Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. The institution plans to open in fall 2011 as a newly constituted entity independent of Antioch University. The proposed programs will be offered on the original Antioch College campus that closed in June 2008.

Background:

Antioch College, located in Yellow Springs, Ohio, was originally established in 1852, and later reincorporated as Antioch University in 1978. The college was originally authorized by the Chancellor in January 1970 and had been regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). The newly formed Antioch College applied to the commission for HLC accreditation simultaneously with this request.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed programs are 180 quarter credit hours in length and rooted in Antioch's rich tradition of liberal arts education. Students may choose from eleven concentrations within the institution's four academic disciplines (arts, humanities, science, and social science). The curriculum includes three co-op experiences (local, regional, and international) and global seminars that focus on issues surrounding energy, food, governance, health, and water. Students may complete the program in 3.5 years if enrolled year round.

The college is projecting 25 students in year one and anticipates enrollment will grow to 260 students by year four. It is anticipated that the college will provide scholarships to these initial cohorts. The college's intent is to keep enrollment relatively small.

Resource/Faculty Needs:

The original Antioch College campus will be used to house the programs. Plans are in place to maintain and renovate all campus buildings; several of the buildings are open and operational now to support the delivery of the programs. In addition, the college submitted a staffing plan for hiring faculty through 2016. Searches are ongoing to identify faculty to support the 2011-12 academic year.

Recommendation:

Antioch College meets the Chancellor's standards for undergraduate programs and the review team recommends provisional authorization for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2014 and is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Provisional authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2014 to determine continued authorization.