

## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY

#### Master of Healthcare Administration

**Request:**

Franklin University requests authorization to offer a Master of Healthcare Administration degree. The forty semester hour program may be completed in approximately eighteen months, with students completing one course every six weeks. The program will be offered in a hybrid format, requiring face-to-face and online instruction.

**Background:**

Franklin University is an independent institution, located in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Originally established in 1902, the university today serves a diverse student body on its main campus, through the delivery of online programs, and at several off-site locations. Franklin University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and has been authorized by the Chancellor since May 1972.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Master of Healthcare Administration degree is designed to prepare healthcare managers and professionals. The curriculum includes coursework in human resources, healthcare delivery systems, healthcare law and ethics, healthcare financial management, health policy, global health, and managerial psychology. The university has incorporated Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Management Education (CAHME) standards into the curriculum and anticipates pursuing CAHME accreditation once the program begins.

The university is projecting 55 students in year one and anticipates enrollment will grow to 175 students by year three. Initial projections were based on market analyses performed and in consultation with the university's Healthcare Management Advisory Board and other local and national partners.

**Resource/Faculty Needs:**

Existing resources are in place to start the program. Five full-time faculty members are in place to teach in the program and the university plans to hire two additional full-time faculty members for program start-up. Additional faculty will be hired as enrollment grows.

**Recommendation:**

Franklin University meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Master of Healthcare Administration program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2018 to coincide with the university'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 December 31, 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.