

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Spring Arbor University

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: Spring Arbor University, located in Spring Arbor, Michigan, is a private Christian liberal arts university with more than 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The institution offers sixty undergraduate majors, seven baccalaureate degree completion programs, two associate degrees and eight graduate programs across the university's main campus, twelve off-site locations in Michigan and one location in Ohio.

Accreditation/Authorization: Spring Arbor University 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 university has been authorized by the Chancellor since January 2007.

Program Offerings: Spring Arbor University is authorized to deliver degree completion programs in organizational management and social work at Davis College, another authorized institution, in Toledo, Ohio.

Institutional Changes: Since the institution's initial review for authorization, the university experienced a change in the presidency, relocated its off-site location in Ohio, and added the Bachelor of Social Work degree completion program to its Ohio offerings.

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