

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new Academic Program: Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

SUMMARY

Upon approval, Eastern Michigan University's Physician Assistant (PA) Program will be a two-year graduate professional program that emphasizes basic medicine and clinical methods. Program graduates will be prepared for certification and licensure to practice as extenders to practicing physicians. Initial cohort of students would begin the PA program in 2014.

Program graduates will earn a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. EMU's program will seek to obtain provisional accreditation and ultimately full accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), allowing graduates to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) which is required by most states for licensure to practice.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The initial year of program implementation will be funded out of existing funds already allocated by the Board of Regents to support new program development. Subsequent years of the program will be incorporated into the annual operating and capital budgets of the University that are submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer
Provost and Vice President

Date