

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE**  
**AUGUST 2013**

**1. Undergraduate Program Development:**

**Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or OBOR Notification or Approval**

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) is continuing to revise its approval processes for undergraduate program proposals. Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, OBOR has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- The former Professional Writing and Editing Program (PWE) is now called the Professional and Technical Writing Program (PTW).

**2. Graduate Program Development:**

*A new proposal (Program Development Plan or PDP) for graduate programs must be approved internally by YSU's Graduate Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council before it is presented to the Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee as an information item. The PDP is then forwarded to the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) for comment, and a full program proposal is prepared, in response, if there are no serious objections. The full proposal must be reviewed by the internal curriculum process and then go to the Board of Trustees for action and approval. The proposal then goes to RACGS for a second review and in-person presentation. If RACGS recommends the program for approval—and after YSU Board of Trustees approval—it goes to the Chancellor's staff, which makes a recommendation to the Chancellor based on RACGS review and public comments. The Chancellor's signature is the final step of the approval process. Board of Trustees approval is required prior to any final decision by the Chancellor's office.*

- Requests for online delivery for a **Master of Business Administration, Master of Respiratory Care, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, and Master of Science in Engineering-Management** have undergone campus review and have been approved by RACGS.
- A program development plan (PDP) for a **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** has undergone the campus review process. YSU has received comments from RACGS. The Full Proposal is now in preparation in the department.
- Discussions to initiate a **Master of Science in Actuarial Science** in the Department of Mathematics have been tabled. Modifications have been made to accommodate actuarial science students under the current program.
- A PDP for a **Master of Engineering Physics** has undergone the campus review process. YSU has received comments from RACGS. The Full Proposal is now in preparation by the department.
- The Department of Nursing has proposed the Adult Gerontology **Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Option** for its Master of Nursing (MSN) degree. The department has also proposed the **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Post-MSN Certificate**. These proposals will undergo campus review during fall 2013.