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Office of the President
February 22, 2011

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Clinical and Translational Science (CIP Code 51.9999, PROG GS PHD CTSC), effective in the Fall 2011 Semester.

Background: The Department of Behavioral Science is establishing a Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) to support intellectually rigorous research education, training, and career development of Clinical and Translational Science scholars at the University of Kentucky. The goal of the proposed Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) program is to improve the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the nation by training professionals with terminal professional health care degrees to conduct clinical and translational science research.

The Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Science is an interdisciplinary training program. Scholars enrolled in the program will have completed terminal professional training in interdisciplinary programs, and the curriculum reflects the rigorous training (e.g., medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, public health) that scholars will have completed prior to enrolling in the program. All entering scholars will complete a common 12-credit curriculum to establish core competencies in CTS. They will then complete a tailored curriculum of interdisciplinary courses designed to meet their research interests and career trajectories. The program will not compete with existing graduate training programs. The Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Science will be marketed to those scholars with interdisciplinary research interests and career trajectories that expand beyond the boundaries of existing graduate programs.

This program has the approval of the appropriate Councils and University Senate, and it has completed the forty-five day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____