

Board Meeting
May 17, 2007

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE IN HEALTH
DESIGN, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design, College of Architecture and the Arts, Chicago

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago, with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Architecture and the Arts, recommends the establishment of a new degree program, the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design.

The proposed program results from extensive discussion with University leaders, national healthcare faculty and administrators, principals from Chicago's leading healthcare architecture firms, and national leaders in healthcare design, including members of the Academy of Architecture for Health of the American Institute of Architects.

Rapidly changing conditions and requirements for healthcare services in the United States and countries around the world suggest a growing demand for trained architectural graduates with specialized knowledge in health design. Currently only two of the 115 National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited architecture programs in the United States offer discrete healthcare curricula: Texas A&M, in

College Station, Texas, and Clemson University, in Clemson, South Carolina. These universities reside in regions with a combined population of 274,000. The proposed Chicago campus program will serve a regional population of nine million, and be the only designated Master of Science in Health Design program offered in the State of Illinois and the United States.

The Chicago campus is surrounded by world-class architecture firms practicing health design and world-class contemporary and historic architecture in the city. Chicago is home to major hospitals and healthcare organizations such as Northwestern Memorial Hospital, University of Chicago Hospital, Rush Presbyterian Health Network, Advocate Healthcare System, Children's Memorial Hospital, John H. Stroger Hospital, and Mt. Sinai Hospital, in addition to the Chicago campus' medical facilities.

The mission of the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design is to improve the quality of health-focused architecture through professional training with specialized experience and an emphasis on the professional ethics of healthcare architects. The program will prepare graduates for board certification by the American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA). It will integrate the content areas needed for ACHA certification through the proposed curriculum and portfolio review. The M.S. in Architecture in Health Design is a post-professional degree; students will have received professional architecture degrees prior to acceptance. The curriculum is a 53 credit hour post-professional program including a preceptorship with a prominent health design professional and a capstone project focusing on either design or research.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.