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April 5, 2007

Shirley J. Barton, Ph.D.  
Executive Dean, Regional Campuses  
Kent State University  
P.O. Box 5190  
Kent, Ohio 44242-0001

Dr. Dr. Barton:

This is to acknowledge that our office has received Kent State University-Ashtabula Campus' preliminary proposal for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy.

Preliminary approval has been granted and the institution may proceed with the process of the 'Formal Proposal' development for this degree. Preliminary approval will be withdrawn if a formal proposal for the Board of Regents' consideration has not been submitted within two years of the date of preliminary approval was granted.

As you begin to develop the "Formal Proposal" please be reminded that the Regents' have re-stated their expectations that there should be no unnecessary duplication of existing programs and optimal collaboration between campuses offering the same programs.

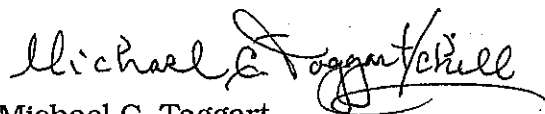
The proposal should address why this new proposed program should be viewed as non-duplicative and that the campuses in the surrounding area have been informed of your plan to develop this program and relate the campuses responses to the development of this program.

Also, that in contacting the administrators of these programs it's important for Kent State University-Ashtabula campus to express an interest in learning from the campuses "best practices" and explore opportunities for program collaboration arrangements with those institutions to reduce program cost and support the program's successful implementation. The results of these conversations with the other institutions should be included in the formal proposal as well.

Dr. Shirley Barton, Executive Dean  
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If I can be any assistance and or you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 752-9487 or via email at [mtaggart@regents.ohio.gov](mailto:mtaggart@regents.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Taggart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael C. Taggart  
Director, Workforce Development

cc: Dr. Gayle Ormiston, Associate Provost  
Dean Susan Stocker, Ashtabula Campus



***Interdepartmental Correspondence***

**TO:** Shirley Barton, Executive Dean for Regional Campuses

**FROM:** Susan Stocker, Dean

**DATE:** February 1, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Respiratory Care Preliminary Approval

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The Ashtabula Campus is requesting preliminary approval to develop a proposal for a new Associate of Applied Science major in Respiratory Care. I have attached the completed Ohio Board of Regents *Request for Preliminary Approval* form for your review and transmittal.

This request is predicated on several important indicators of local and regional need. Kevin Miller, CEO of the Ashtabula County Medical Center, first approached the campus about developing this program because of the current and projected need for respiratory therapists at ACMC and within the Cleveland Clinic Health System. Following these discussions with Mr. Miller, an initial needs survey (attached) was sent to area health care providers to gauge need in the region. The responses to the survey showed strong local and regional need for respiratory therapists.

The needs assessment was sent to 47 health care organizations; of these, 3 were no longer in operation. Of the remaining 44 possible sites, we received responses from 15, for a return rate of 34%. Here is a summary of the results:

- 14 sites (93%) either agreed (4) or strongly agreed (10) that there is a need for respiratory care graduates at their institution over the next 3-5 years
- 15 sites (100%) either agreed (4) or strongly agreed (11) that there is a need in the region
- 15 sites (100%) said that they would hire graduates from a respiratory care program at the Ashtabula Campus
- The estimated number of graduates these organizations anticipated hiring
  - In the next 3 years: 64-71
  - In the next 5 years: 89-119
- The average estimated starting salary range for these graduates was \$35,473-\$36,573
- 10 sites (77%) said that they would be willing to serve as clinical sites
- 9 respondents (64%) said they would be interested in serving on a program advisory board

We also received a personal call from Dr. James Stoller, Vice Chairman and Head of Respiratory Therapy at the Cleveland Clinic, who emphasized the Clinic's great need for graduates in respiratory care, and expressed a willingness to partner with the campus in order to meet this need.

Our environmental scan shows that programs in respiratory care currently exist at the following institutions, none of which is within 30 miles of the Ashtabula Campus:

Lakeland Community College (38 miles)  
 Gannon College PA (55 miles)  
 Youngstown State University (61 miles)  
 Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus (72 miles)  
 Stark State College of Technology (97 miles)

The accrediting agency, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), requires that an initial application for accreditation include the review and support of a study group whose members represent "an independent, external, community of interest." The study group should include representatives from potential clinical sites and potential employers of graduates. It is also recommended that if possible, the study group include at least one program director from an accredited, unaffiliated respiratory care program in the proposed program's "drawing area." Under CoARC's definition, all of the programs listed above, except for Stark State College of Technology, would qualify as being in our drawing area.

Given the recent situation with Radiologic Technology--and the fact that we are in such direct competition—it may be impractical to include Lakeland. Regardless, we will make the appropriate consultations with them as part of the formal proposal development process. We may receive a more honest appraisal from YSU, which has a bachelor's degree program that may not be seen as a direct competitor, or from Gannon which is Pennsylvania and whose students would be penalized by out of state fees, so less likely to attend our campus.

I believe that an Associate of Applied Science major in Respiratory Care is needed in Ashtabula County and in our region. It would complement our existing programs and faculty in Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology, Occupation Therapy Assistant Technology, Radiologic Technology, and the basic sciences. Respiratory Care would also be housed in our Science and Allied Health facility that is currently under design, and would benefit from the capabilities of this new facility.

I hope that your review of this request results in your support of it. If I can provide any additional information or insights, please do not hesitate to contact me.

:SJS/mam

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**Request for Preliminary Approval**

Kent State University Ashtabula Campus

Name of Campus

☒ **Develop proposal for a new two-year ASSOCIATE DEGREE program.**

Title of Program: Associate of Applied Science, Respiratory Therapy Technology

☐ **Offer a MAJOR under an associate degree program already approved for this campus.**

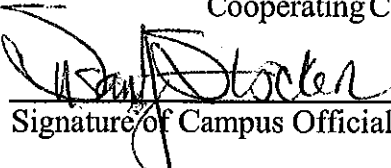
Title of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Major: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Offer a one-plus-one (1+1) program**

Title of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Campus Official Making Request

2/19/07  
Date of Request

**Return to:** Director, Two-Year Campus Programs  
Ohio Board of Regents  
30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0417

**Campus Contact Person:**  
Susan J. Stocker, Dean  
440-964-4211  
stocker@ashtabula.kent.edu

**OBR STAFF ACTION:**

- ☐ **Approved**  
☐ **Denied**  
☐ **Held for further consideration**  
☐ **Comments/Conditions** \_\_\_\_\_
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Director, Workforce Development

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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I. Why is this proposed addition to the curriculum necessary?

The mission of the Kent State Regional Campus System is to provide quality programs that meet the educational and workforce development needs of the communities we serve. Ashtabula County and the surrounding region are experiencing significant current need for respiratory therapists. The Ashtabula County Medical Center (a Cleveland Clinic affiliate) approached Kent State Ashtabula Campus to explore establishment of a program. Initial needs assessments show that the need for respiratory therapists is real, regional, and expected to grow significantly as both the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals Health System add new facilities in the region. The proposed program complements existing campus faculty, course offerings, and allied health programs in Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology, and Radiologic Technology. The program will be housed in the new Science and Allied Health building that is in the planning stages.

II. Is this program/major currently offered by any higher education institution (public, private, or proprietary) within a thirty-mile radius of the requesting campus?

A. ☐ Yes ☒ No

B. If yes, name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

C. If yes, why should an additional program in the area be initiated?  
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III. Preliminary estimate of additional costs which would be incurred by the addition of this program/major, taking into account the costs of new faculty, equipment, remodeling, and other instructional and indirect costs:

<u>Initial CoARC Accreditation Application Deposit</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>CoARC Accreditation study group expenses</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>CoARC Initial Evaluation Fee</u>	<u>\$1,300</u>
<u>Program Director Salary</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>
<u>Director of Clinical Education Salary</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>
<u>Medical Director Services</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>Adjunct Faculty Salaries</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>Equipment</u>	
<u>Ventilators (3)</u>	<u>\$81,000</u>
<u>Blood Gas Machine</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
<u>Monitors (3)</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>
<u>Beds (3)</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<u>Resuscitation Dummies (3)</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>EKG</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<u>Portable Vitals Machine</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>Pulse OX</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>Emergency Cart and Supplies</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>
<u>Misc. Equipment and Consumable Supplies</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Total Preliminary Cost Estimate</u>	<u>\$370,300</u>

## IV. Preliminary estimate of headcount enrollments:

	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010
First Year Students	20	20
Second Year Students		20
Total	20	40