

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

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Date Reviewed: 11/27/06

Documents Reviewed: Proposal for Certificate in Clinical Research

Summary of Proposal: This is a 14 credit certificate in clinical research, based on a subset of courses already part of the MS in Clinical Research. Students take 8-9 prescribed credits, and 5-6 credits of electives. Electives are chosen based on the student's clinical/research interests.

- 1. Are the goals clear and achievable? The goal is to prepare greater numbers of people prepared for careers in clinical research in Indiana. This is a clear and simple goal, and it appears that the certificate program would be a significant asset in meeting that goal.**
- 2. Is the program academically sound? The courses have already been vetted as part of the MS program. The curriculum is straightforward, and the set of courses creates a good core of knowledge re: clinical research. On page 2, it isn't clear what "moderately accomplished in the discipline of clinical research" means—but I think this is a very minor point.**
- 3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit? It appears so—no new faculty will be required, assuming the enrollments proceed as projected. This program is initially aimed at students who have begun the MS program, but are or will be unable to complete it for a variety of reasons. These students could complete the certificate more readily, thus having a useful credential. Other students will come from non-medical PhD programs, or will be already prepared in their own disciplines at the Master's level.**
- 4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program? The most useful overlap has been described in the proposal—curriculum, courses, and faculty are already in place, and capacity exists to deal with the 3-5 students anticipated in the certificate**

program each year. I don't see any other overlap that would be harmful to existing programs.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

I think the proposal should be approved.

On page 6, under admission requirements, they may want to update the TOEFL information, since there are several versions now, and the 550 score is only relevant in one version. They may also want to take advantage of the internet version, which includes a spoken English evaluation.