

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed: Request for a new certificate program

Summary of Proposal:

This certificate is designed to introduce students to the “critical issues and values of philanthropic practices, as well as an understanding of the significance of philanthropy in society. It is designed for those who have an interest, and perhaps a career need, for this education, but who do not wish to pursue and MA or PhD in Philanthropic Studies. “ Students take 12 credits of coursework.

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

The certificate program is aimed at reaching professionals who can use the knowledge in their own fields, and also to serve as a recruitment tool for the graduate programs. These seem to be clear and achievable goals.

2. Is the program academically sound?

No issues here—the courses are well established, as are the schools programs. The required courses match up with the student outcomes. Program assessment is in place.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

This issue is not clearly addressed—for example, the proposal doesn't indicate how many students they hope to enroll in the program, and no information is provided on the number of faculty needed to support the program.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

SPEA offers a graduate certificate in non-profit management. This is briefly addressed in the proposal, but there is no indication that anyone from SPEA was contacted to ascertain overlap or conflict. In addition, it isn't very clear how these programs differ—other than the claim being made that they are different.

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

Some additional clarity about the number of students anticipated and how that relates to current faculty resources, as well as better description of how this program differs from the SPEA certificate, and a letter of support from SPEA would strengthen this proposal.