

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed: Application for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Certificate

Summary of Proposal:

1. **Are the goals clear and achievable?** Yes
2. **Is the program academically sound?** Yes
3. **Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?**

It appears so, but it should be explicitly stated that approval of this proposal will not increase teaching load at the school.

4. **Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?** No

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

There are several points that require clarification.

1. This request is to convert an existing MS degree granting program into a certificate program. The stated rationale for this change is the removal of a research component from the program. However, there are numerous non-thesis MS programs on campus, so it is unclear why this change to a certificate program is needed or desired. Presumably this would make the program less desirable to future students.
2. The program is described as 30 credit hours, but the listed curriculum is 33 credit hours.
3. Current academic titles for all faculty participants should be included.
4. There is ambiguity in the application regarding summer funding from the GME office ("will need to verify"), and the completion requirements ("need to talk about this").
5. After describing that "C" is the minimum grade that will be accepted, it is stated that "we do not give grades". This should be explained.
6. The status of participating students should be clarified. They are variously referred to as part-time or full-time throughout the application.

I recommend approval of this proposal, pending clarification of the issues described above.