Academic Programs Update

## MARCH 2017

1. Undergraduate Program Development:

Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, the Ohio Department of Higher Education has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

* The proposal for a Bachelor of General Studies completion program in an online format has been approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. In its notification letter, the ODHE noted, “The change request was particularly well developed and supported. Thanks for your attention to details.”

2. Graduate Program Development:

*A new proposal (Program Development Plan or PDP) for graduate programs must be approved internally by YSU’s Graduate Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council before it is presented to the Board of Trustees Academic Quality and Student Success Committee as an information item. The PDP is then forwarded to the Chancellor’s Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS) for comment, and a full program proposal is prepared, in response if there are no serious objections. The full proposal must be reviewed by the internal curriculum process and then go to the Board of Trustees for action and approval. The proposal then goes to CCGS for a second review and in-person presentation. If CCGS recommends the program for approval—and after YSU Board of Trustees approval—it goes to the Chancellor’s staff, which makes a recommendation to the Chancellor based on CCGS review and public comments. The Chancellor’s signature is the final step of the approval process. Board of Trustees approval is required prior to any final decision by the Chancellor’s office.*

* The full proposal for a **Master of Science in Nursing Option for Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner** program is under review by campus committees and pending Board of Trustee approval.
* The Department of Biological Sciences submitted a request to change the degree name from Master of Science in Biology to **Master of Science in Biological Sciences**. This request was approved by campus committees and CCGS.
* A **Health Information Certificate** was reviewed and approved by campus committees. (CCGS approval is not required for this certificate because it requires less than 21 hours.)
* A **4+1 program in Master of Public Health** was reviewed and approved by campus committees. (CCGS approval is not required for this request.)
* The **Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Visual Arts** program was approved by the Higher Learning Commission.
* The **Certificate in Autism and Related Disabilities** was discontinued due to low enrollment.