Review of Proposed Academic Programs

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Master of Health Science in Pathologists’ Assistant (PathA) Program

College of Health Professions, Dean Stephen Alway

Department of Diagnostic and Health Sciences, Chair Neale Chumbler

Program Director, Michael Weitziel
Academic Program Overview

The mission of the Pathologists’ Assistant program is to prepare and develop individuals for the professional practice of surgical and autopsy pathology in a continually evolving health care environment under the guidance of a board-certified pathologist.

**Description:**
- Two-year program:
  - Year 1 – didactic
  - Year 2 – clinical
- 76 total credit hours
- Total Tuition:
  - Instate = $56,058
  - Out of state = $68,562

**Unique Features:**
- First program in Tennessee and only one in the mid-South
- Low student-to-faculty ratios
- Excellent local clinical rotation sites for students, including the WTRFC

**Comparable Programs:**
- **Quinnipiac**
  - Credit hours: 89
  - Tuition: $99,165
- **Tulane**
  - Credit hours: 80
  - Tuition: $80,000
- **Duke**
  - Credit hours: 86
  - Tuition: $56,668
Alignment with State Master Plan and Institutional Mission

• Increases the number of post-secondary degrees in TN by adding an attractive graduate program in a high demand discipline

• Data from currently accredited programs indicate a 95-100% employment rate for graduates within 6 months of graduation with an average starting salary of $85,000

• Aligns with the mission of UTHSC: to improve the health and well being of Tennesseans and the global community by fostering integrated, collaborative, and inclusive education, research, scientific discovery, clinical care, and public service
## Enrollment Projections

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Joint Program with UT Southern

College of Nursing, Dean Wendy Likes

Academic Affairs, Executive Associate Dean Susan Jacob

BSN Program, Director Randall Johnson
Academic Program Overview

The joint BSN program is congruent with the missions of both institutions.

**Description**

- Four semester traditional program with two-year pre-professional courses completed prior to admission
- 60 credit hours professional program and 60 credit hours pre-professional requirements
- Concept-based UTHSC curriculum will be adopted
- Current UTS BSN will be taught out for all students in the program
- Prepares students to successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN)

**Unique Features**

- Joint program offered in Memphis and Pulaski with projected start in fall 2023
- Allows students to remain in Pulaski after completing the first 2 years of coursework at UTS
- Includes a mixture of face-to-face didactic, on-site clinical, lab, remote synchronous, and remote asynchronous formats
- Enhances workforce in underserved and rural communities
- Maintains excellent local clinical rotation sites for students in south central TN
Alignment with State Master Plan and Institutional Mission

- Increases the number of post-secondary degrees in TN by expanding a successful baccalaureate nursing program
- Joint program will help meet the deficit of individuals trained to work in the field of nursing in the state
- Aligns with the mission of UTHSC and UTS by expanding partnerships and sharing resources
- Graduates will be an integral element of a workforce that provides leadership in healthcare
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