

Substantive Change Report

Proposal Information:

Proposal Review Date	March 25, 2024
Institution	Western University of Health Sciences
Type of Substantive Change	1 st Research Doctorate Level Degree
Program Name/Location	Doctor of Philosophy in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
ALO	Juan Ramirez
WSCUC Staff	Karen Graham & John Hausaman
Committee Reviewers	Melea Fields & Gregory Zubacz

Commission Recommendation and Date

Additional Information¹

Approval on March 25, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification of Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <p>¹Item listed above must be fulfilled in order to finalize Substantive Change Approval.</p>
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Implementation of an approved change must occur within two years of Commission approval. If the change will be implemented more than two years after the approval date, contact WSCUC to determine if the change requires re-approval.

Commission approval of a new degree program signifies that the program is covered by the accreditation of the institution as a whole. Approval by WSCUC should not be represented, in marketing materials or other forms of communication, as program-specific accreditation, such as that bestowed by specialized professional, or programmatic accrediting organizations.

Record the date that the Commission took action on this Substantive Change proposal for your records.

Findings of the Commission:

Recommendations:

1. Review the language of the current Program Learning Outcomes to ensure they are using appropriate doctoral level expectations. Also ensure that a standardized protocol is used to assess the mentored and guided research of all individual students. (CFRs 2.3, 2.4)
2. Submit discrete program specific budgets, moving forward, that reflect all costs and revenues associated with the degree being proposed. Including specific and clear funding for marketing, course development, faculty development, seminar speakers etc. (CFR 4.7)
3. As the institution moves funding support to the PhD it should monitor the effect or any potential impact on the Master's program and its students. (CFR 4.4, 4.7)

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Interim Monitoring:

None.

WSCUC Liaison Signature:



John Hausaman, Assistant Vice President

Date: 03/25/2024

Additional Information (if applicable):

Notification of Implementation:

Under Standard One, it is the institution's responsibility to notify WSCUC when a program begins. You are required to confirm implementation of the program in order for the program or location to be listed on the WSCUC website for purposes of financial aid eligibility verification by the U.S. Department of Education.

Login to the Accreditation Management Portal and mark this program as Active within 30 days of implementation. Failure to report implementation may result in the suspension of financial aid eligibility for enrolled students. Repeated non-compliance with this requirement could also lead to a sanction of the entire institution under Standard One.