



Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program Request Form

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Name of institution: Kent State University

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Name of bachelor's degree program: Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design

Name of master's degree program: Master of Healthcare Design (MHD)

Proposed implementation date: Spring 2020

- 1. Identify the total number of credit hours in the undergraduate and master's programs combined.**

The total number of hours for the Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design equals 126, and Master of Healthcare Design equals 35 so the total for the combined would be 152 with 9 credit hours at the graduate level shared between programs.

- 2. Describe how the university will ensure that students meet the expected baccalaureate program outcomes before the bachelor's degree is awarded.**

Students to take their final studio in the combined program will address in their learning outcomes all requirements for the CIDA-accredited program equivalent to the course ID 44002 INTERIOR DESIGN STUDIO VI-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (5 credit hours) as well as satisfy the requirements for the HCD 60000 HEALTHCARE DESIGN STUDIO (6 credit hours) by taking HCD 60000. In addition, elective courses up to 3 credit hours will be applied to both degrees.

3. Describe how students are informed of this combined degree program. Include in the answer how students are advised regarding opportunities and challenges associated with the option.

Once the program exists we will inform students on the College website and other media, including open houses and other events. Students are advised in combination with the Interior Design Program Director and the coordinator for the Master of Healthcare Design.

4. Describe the options available for students who wish to leave the program with a bachelor's degree before finishing the graduate-level work.

As an accredited degree in interior design, students will have the ability to work as a professional in interior design, pursue other advanced study, and sit for the NCIDQ Exam to become a certified interior designer.

5. Describe how the institution ensures that students will pay undergraduate tuition throughout the completion of the undergraduate degree.

Per [Kent State policy](#), students in a combined bachelor's/master's degree program are classified as undergraduate until the bachelor's degree is awarded. Kent State's tuition rate is assigned to the student's level, and not at the course level. Therefore, undergraduate students taking graduate courses will be charged the undergraduate tuition rate.

Attach to this document a listing of the graduate courses in the master's degree program that will apply toward the bachelor's degree program and explain the requirements they will satisfy in the bachelor's degree.

The list of courses is given here:

HCD 60000 Healthcare Design Studio (6 credit hours) will apply for and be considered equivalent to ID 44002 Interior Design Studio VI-Community Engagement (5 credit hours).

In addition, one of the other HCD courses offered will count toward an upper-division elective in the Bachelor of Interior Design program. For example, HCD 63001 Evidence-Based Design in Healthcare would count as a combined elective for the Bachelor of Interior Design program.

Kent State University agrees to monitor the success of the program and will submit an annual report to Ohio Department of Higher Education on the scope of the program and student success.

Kent State University verifies that the information in this request is truthful and accurate.

Respectfully,

Signed after the request goes to EPC

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (Interim)

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