

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

for a

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC HISTORY

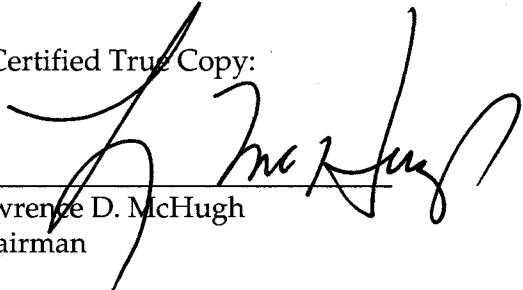
at

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 4, 2001

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Arts in Public History to be presented by Central Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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Lawrence D. McHugh  
Chairman

**ITEM**

Master of Arts in Public History at Central Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

CCSU began to offer an undergraduate concentration in Public History during the 2000-01 academic year. The graduate program is designed to provide advanced education and training opportunities to students with baccalaureate degrees in history; current practitioners in public history and those planning a career in public history. This would be the only Public History program at a public university in Connecticut, and one of four at public universities in the New England and upstate New York region. The MA in Public History was reviewed and approved by CCSU's Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate.

**ANALYSIS**

The Master of Arts program in Public History will help to create a professional corps of trained historians for the public sector outside the classroom, e.g., government agencies, environmental companies, law firms, businesses, museums, libraries, archives, historic societies, and such. This program addresses the need for an educated workforce that can contribute to Connecticut's economic and cultural development. Historic sites and institutions could more fully develop tourism in the state, but no public institution in the state offers graduate level programs to prepare professionals to work in these agencies.

Potential students would come from the pool of public school teachers who need a Masters degree to obtain their permanent certification and from those with a BA in History who seek training for careers in history other than public school teaching. The program also provides a vehicle for students preparing for doctoral study in this field. This program will use and contribute to the resources of other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and also the Center for Social Research. Co-requisite courses for this program can be drawn from Geography, Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science disciplines. Students in the program will work closely with Central's Center for Social Research, which will serve as a resource for their thesis projects and internships.

A Public History advisory board will be created to help guide development and assessment of the program. Membership will come from CCSU faculty and public history professionals.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Central Connecticut State University may seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Arts in Public History.