

Resolutions of The Board of Trustees

Lincoln University, PA

**RESOLUTION 451
June 18, 2013**

**MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICE
TO RES451_061813
BACHELOR OF HUMAN SERVICE GAP POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Master of Human Service (MHS) Program was developed under the pretense that many individuals in the field are without advanced academic degrees and are highly skilled practitioners in the field; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have made enormous contributions to the field and have assisted their respective agencies with the ability to remain responsive to the citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, many professional schools are unable to credit the demonstrated skills and knowledge of this group and have maintained the baccalaureate degree as a condition for admission; and

WHEREAS, this practice prevents a group of skilled practitioners from acquiring the credentials needed for career advancement; and

WHEREAS, the MHS program offers a solution by allowing skilled practitioners to earn an advanced degree without having earned a prior Bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, recently, many Lincoln University graduates who have earned the MHS degree report difficulty in obtaining employment without a Bachelor's degree; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lincoln University will accommodate prior Lincoln University MHS graduates by transferring up to 96 credits using courses from the Master degree-level and credits from Prior Learning Assessments towards the Bachelor of Science in Human Service; and further

RESOLVED, the Master of Human Service to Bachelor of Human Service Degree Gap Policy is a “time-restricted” educational policy that expires August 15, 2013 at 11:59p.m.; and further

RESOLVED, thereafter, this policy will sunset and be archived; and further

RESOLVED, this policy is irrevocable; and further

RESOLVED, if this policy is to be revisited for consideration of use post-archive, a Board of Trustee resolution is required that meets accreditation requirements at the time the resolution is brought forward to the Board of Trustees for approval; and further

RESOLVED, that this policy only pertains to students who do not have a “first” Bachelor’s degree and have earned the MHS degree from Lincoln University between May 2008 and August 2013; and further

RESOLVED, that the award of the Bachelor’s degree, as a second degree under the MHS-BHS Gap Policy, cannot be awarded together in the same graduation cycle as the MHS degree; and further

RESOLVED, that a student who completes the Lincoln University-MHS and then applies for a Bachelor’s degree in Human Service must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours in the Bachelor degree option beyond credits completed on the date the most recent degree was awarded; and further

RESOLVED, that the student must also meet all requirements specific to the Bachelor’s degree in Human Service; and further

RESOLVED, that the Master of Human Service to Bachelor of Human Service Degree Gap Policy become effective immediately.