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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Ohio Board of Regents recently approved a baccalaureate degree in Youngstown State University's Allied Health Department, designed for students with backgrounds in respiratory therapy, emergency medical technology and dental hygiene.

It will be the first such program offered by a college in this area.

Dr. John Tafel, the regents' administrator of program authorization, said the board passed the four-year program "no questions asked" during its March meeting.

Dr. John Yemma of Struthers, chairman of YSU's Allied Health Department, said that current students who wish to continue their education enter the Individualized Curriculum Program in order to earn a four-year degree. Beginning in the fall of '87, they will no longer have to do this, he said, and can go on to earn a four-year Bachelor of Science in Applied Science degree. Students without a two-year degree can also enter the program.

Dr. Victor Richley of Canfield, dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology, said the two-year respiratory therapy, emergency medical technology and dental hygiene students will enter the new program as juniors and complete three program components: general group health courses; advanced courses in the students' disciplines; and a minor restricted to biology, chemistry, management or education.

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The two-year program, which leads to an associate degree, will continue to be offered.

Dr. Yemma said that no other program of this kind exists within 50 miles of YSU and therefore, "we'll be able to attract from a large area."

"The program is unique. The Board of Regents never saw a program quite like it," he added.

He also remarked that in the past, students who finish their associate degrees often moved on to other schools to finish their education. "We won't lose as many now--we'll keep them."

The increasing number of students in the Individualized Curriculum Program prompted the University to pursue approval of the four-year Allied Health major, he said.

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