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Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Master of Urban Planning Design and Development Degree Receives Seven Year Reaccreditation

Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Master of Urban Planning Design and Development Degree (MUPDD) has been reaccredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) for seven years, the maximum a degree program can be certified.

"I am pleased to inform you that the Board granted the program a seven-year accreditation, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2013," said Eugenie L. Birch, FAICP, Chair of the Planning Accreditation Board in a letter to Cleveland State President Michael Schwartz.

The PAB accredits educational programs leading to bachelor's and master's degrees in planning. The planning accreditation program establishes high standards for professional education in planning and requires university programs to offer a curriculum that provides knowledge and skills that measure up to these standards. Accredited programs are therefore highly qualified to train future practitioners. The accreditation process is based on standards approved by the PAB and its sponsoring organizations: the American Planning Association (APA), a professional membership organization for planners; the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), a group of planners who have passed a rigorous examination on professional practice; and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) that represents 73 accredited planning schools in the United States.

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“We have graduated more than 190 students since the program's inception in 1990,” said Wendy Kellogg, Ph.D., MUPDD program director. “Planning is a profession that provides communities the opportunity to envision and create a future that is desirable. Our MUPDD graduates are employed today by cities, townships, counties, community development corporations, social service organizations and planning firms across Ohio and the United States. Reaccreditation for seven years means that the PAB is confident that our students have the knowledge and skills to practice in many different organizational and geographic contexts to serve the public interest.”

The MUPDD faculty teach, conduct research and provide professional service throughout the Northeast Ohio region. The MUPDD program offers specialization areas in neighborhood development, economic development, environmental sustainability, real estate development and geographic information systems.

To learn more about the MUPDD program degree, visit <http://urban.csuohio.edu> or contact Dr. Wendy Kellogg, MUPDD program director, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, at (216) 687-5265 or wendy@urban.csuohio.edu.

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