




# Vision 20/20 UPDATE

## Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status







Goal:

Develop new and re-configure existing academic programs to be responsive to student, stakeholder and community needs.

Strategy:

Expand MS and/or MA offering at the University with at least one in STEAM by 2020.

### Recent Key Accomplishments

The first graduate course at WVSU was offered in the fall of 2002. In the summer of 2003, the Higher Learning Commission voted to extend the University's accreditation to include the M.A. /M.S. in Biotechnology and the M.A. in Media Studies. Both master's programs have been successful. WVSU successfully implemented the Master's programs in Public Administration (MPA) and Educational Instruction Leadership (MEIL). Preliminary assessments reveal that most of the faculty members involved in the MS Biotechnology program are qualified to teach doctoral level studies.

### Upcoming Events

Activity 1a: WVSU is planning to establish a new Master's degree program in the Computer Sciences (STEAM field).  
Activity 1b: Other graduate programs that are being considered in the future, These programs will undergo various levels of evaluation and approval before they can be formalized. WVSU will endeavor to establish a Ph.D. program in Biotechnology along with new master's programs.

### Emerging Issues

Internal: Current lack of adequate resources, including human capital, facilities and funding to deliver the doctoral program.  
External: Total funding to support the program is still constrained due to current and expected state budget cuts.  
International partners interested in dual doctoral programs.

### Solutions

- Continue seeking external federal and corporate funding as an opportunity to hire new faculty in support of new Masters Programs.
- Work toward the establishment of the graduate studies office
- Continue exploring opportunities with regional, national and international partners for dual and bridge programs.

### Upcoming Deliverable/Milestones

Item	Due Date	Status	Progress	Comments
Feasibility assessment to add additional masters programs	05/01/2016	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	100 %	Successful implementation of the Master's programs in Public Administration (MPA) and Educational Instruction Leadership (MEIL).
Develop proposals for approval by constituent groups and BOG.	05/15/2017	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	50 %	An intent to submit for a new Master's degree program in the Computer Sciences is being prepared for BOG review and approval.
Attain external approval from HEPC and others	09/15/2017	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	0 %	New programs will be submitted to HEPC for review and approval, immediately after internal BOG approval.
Offer new Masters Degrees starting in Fall 2016, with at least one STEAM degree starting by Fall 2019	09/15/2019	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	10 %	A new Master's degree program in the Computer Sciences is being planned.