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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and [610 CMR 16.08\(4\)](#), and consistent with the procedures outlined in the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment](#) on program approval applications, that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (Department) will open a comment period relative to **Suffolk University's proposed initiative to offer, pursuant to 610 CMR 16.00, a 94-credit Applied Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration and Innovation.**

Suffolk University is a New England Commission of Higher Education accredited independent institution located in Boston, Massachusetts. Suffolk University was legislatively chartered pursuant to the Acts of 1914, Chapter 145 of the Massachusetts General Law and authorized "to award all earned and honorary degrees as are usually awarded by college and universities in this Commonwealth, except medical and dental degrees."

Suffolk University's application to offer a **94-credit Applied Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration and Innovation** was submitted to the Department on April 23, 2026, pursuant to the Board of Higher Education's Degree Granting Regulations for Pilot Proposals on Innovation, 610 CMR 16.00.

An executive summary of Suffolk University's proposed initiative is attached. Department Staff have determined that Suffolk University's proposal has reached a stage of readiness for public comment such that notice of the proposed initiative must be posted for public comment before a recommendation is made to the Board. See 610 CMR 16.08(4). At the end of the comment period, Department staff will review and take into consideration any and all comments received.

The public comment period on Suffolk University's notice of its proposed initiative to offer the **94-credit Applied Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration and Innovation** begins on May 29, 2026, and will close 21 days thereafter, on June 19, 2026. Written comments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00

pm on June 19, 2026, directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

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Attn: Richard Riccardi, Sc.D., Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Student Success

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Suffolk University Public Comment" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Department Staff at PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu.