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**University Curriculum Committee
RECOMMENDATION**

SR 22-23-36 CC


Recommends approval of the listed **UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE** in the following college and/or schools/programs:

College of Health Professions

Certificate Change: Certificate in Public Health

- **Summary of Changes:** Change title to Certificate in Community Health and Outreach, three different courses to fulfill certificate, and change from 15 to 21 credit hours.
- **Rationale:** Community Health Workers (CHW) are front line public health workers who address community healthcare needs through a range of activities such as outreach, community health education, counseling and social support. West Virginia in particular is effected by a plethora of health care problems such as but not limited to COVID-19, opioid crisis, diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. Community health workers aid in improving access to healthcare services and reduce health inequalities. To address this problem, we would like to modify existing certificate program i.e "Certificate in Public Health" to "Certificate in Community Health and Outreach". This certificate program would help address the shortage of CHW's in West Virginia.
- **Form with signatures:** [UG PH Cert Change.pdf](#)

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE:  DATE: 3/23/2023

DISAPPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/7/23

DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS:

Request for Undergraduate Addition, Deletion, or Change of a Certificate Program

1. Prepare one paper copy and obtain signatures from the Department Chair/Head, Librarian, and College Dean.
2. Submit the form to your College Curriculum Committee.
3. After attaining the signature of the College Curriculum Chair, send the paper copy to the current University Curriculum Committee (UCC) Chair.
4. Send an identical (sans signatures) ELECTRONIC COPY and all supporting documentation in PDF format by email to the current UCC Chair.

College: COHP Department/Division: Public Health
 Contact Person: Dr. Anthony T. Woart Phone: 304-696-5772

ACTION REQUESTED:

Check action requested: Addition Deletion Change
 Name of Certificate Program (provide code if this is an existing program): Certificate in Public Health

RATIONALE:

Community Health Workers (CHW) are front line public health workers who address community healthcare needs through a range of activities such as outreach, community health education, counseling and social support. West Virginia in particular is effected by a plethora of health care problems such as but not limited to COVID-19, opioid crisis, diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases. Community health workers aid in improving access to healthcare services and reduce health inequalities. To address this problem, we would like to modify existing certificate program i.e "Certificate in Public Health to " Certificate in Community Health and Outreach". This certificate program would help address the shortage of CHW's in West Virginia.

CURRICULUM: (If addition or change, number of hours and courses; indicate if required or optional) May be submitted as separate document.

The Certificate in Public Health Program currently required 15 credit hours with the required courses being 1) PH 101- Introduction to Public Health (3 Cr), 2) PH 105- Introduction to Epidemiology (3 Cr), 3) PH 270- Global Health (3 Cr) 4) PH 260- Community Health and Development (3 Cr) and 5) PH 475 Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases (3 Cr). The proposed "Certificate in Community Health and Outreach" Program will include 21 credit hours comprising of 6 courses that addresses the core competencies in public health, knowledge of social and behavioral factors, communication skills, advocacy, and basic community health worker skills. The program includes 15 credits of courses to be taken in classroom and a 6 credit hour internship to be completed at a community based organization. The following courses would be offered as part of the certificate program: 1) PH 101-Introduction to Public Health (3 Cr), 2) PH 105 Introduction to Epidemiology (3 Cr) 3) PH 240 - Control of Infectious Diseases (3 Cr) 4) PH 260- Community Health and Development (3 Cr) 5) PH 350-Research Methods in Public Health (3 Cr) 6) PH 490- Public Health Internship (6 Cr).

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Attach a copy of written notification regarding this curriculum request to the following:

1. **Statement of Non-Duplication:** If this certificate program will be similar in title or content to an existing certificate program at the university, please send a memo to the affected department and include it with this packet, as well as, the response received from the affected department.
2. If your department/division requires additional faculty, equipment, or specialized materials, attach an estimation of money and time required to secure these items.
3. Send a copy of this completed form to the Marshall University Catalog Editor.

SIGNATURES: (If disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer.)

Department Chair/Division Head: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/12/2022</u>
Registrar: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/13/2022</u>
College Dean: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12-12-22</u>
College Curriculum Chair: <u>Zach Garrett</u>	Date: <u>1/27/23</u>
University Curriculum Committee Chair: <u>Zach Garrett</u>	Date: <u>2/17/23</u>
Faculty Senate Chair: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>3/23/2023</u>
VP Academic Affairs/VP Health Science: <u>Karen McComas</u>	Date: <u>3/31/2023</u>

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH- Existing Program

The Public Health certificate program is intended primarily to help non-public health majors gain professional knowledge in this upcoming field of health care. This certificate program also caters to the needs of individuals already working in health settings to further enhance their knowledge and receive professional credentials in the area of Public Health.

Application Requirements

Prospective certificate-only students should apply for admission to Marshall University as a Professional Development student and select the "Public Health Certificate" on the application form.

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in the catalog or as described at the admission website at Marshall University.

Current Required Courses (15 credit hours):

PH 101 – Introduction to Public Health (3 Cr)

PH 105 – Introduction to Epidemiology (3 Cr)

PH 270 – Global Health (3 Cr)

PH 260 – Community Health and Development (3 Cr)

PH 475 – Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (3 Cr)

Proposed Required Courses (21 credit hours):

PH 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3 Cr)

PH 105 - Introduction to Epidemiology (3 Cr)

PH 240- Control of Infectious Diseases (3 Cr)

PH 260- Community Health and Development (3 Cr)

PH 350- Research Methods in Public Health (3 Cr)

PH 490- Public Health Internship (6 Cr)

PUBLIC HEALTH (PH) Course Description

101 Introduction to Public Health. 3 hrs.

Course introduces students to the concepts and models of public health.

105 Introduction to Epidemiology. 3 hrs.

This course provides an introduction to epidemiology for undergraduate students.

240 Control of Infectious Diseases. 3 hrs.

Examination of infectious diseases from a public health perspective, including strategies for prevention, treatment, control and eradication. (PR: PH 105)

260 Community Health and Development. 3 hrs.

This course will provide the foundations for a study into the new relevant community health issues facing area residents and also worth an International Perspective.

270 Global Health. 3 hrs.

This course provides students the opportunity to study health care systems in developed and developing countries and compare these systems to the U.S. health care system.

350 Research Methods in Public Health. 3 hrs.

The course focuses on quantitative and qualitative research methods and covers observational and experimental research designs. (PR: MTH 225)

475 Comm/Non Comm Disease 3hrs

Introduces the concepts of communicable and non-communicable diseases and the burden they individually carry and how it impacts the health status of the population. (PR: PH 101, PH 270)

490 Public Health Internship. 6 hrs.

This is 320 hours total on-the-job experiences. The duration of the internship is planned to allow the variety of experiences that will provide the most benefits to the students.