

Board Meeting
March 12, 2020

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH, SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH, CHICAGO

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Science in Public Health, School of Public Health

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and School of Public Health recommends the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health.

The School of Public Health established the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health in Fall 2012, and has graduated six student cohorts. The Bachelor of Science in Public Health is now being created to allow for individualization to accommodate students emanating from different recruitment streams and who have different career goals. Specifically, the B.S. in Public Health is designed for pre-health career and science-oriented students with STEM-related career goals. Unlike the B.A., the B.S. does not require foreign language study. This provides additional hours in which students can complete science and math sequences commonly required for admission to graduate and professional programs in the health sciences.

Both the B.A. and B.S. require 120 hours, including the same four pre-public health and the same thirteen core public health courses. The distinction is that

B.A. students complete 15 hours of selectives in the social and behavioral sciences and B.S. students complete 15 hours of selectives in bench, lab, and applied sciences.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.