

Board Meeting
July 19, 2018

RENAME AND REVISE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH IN
COMMUNITY HEALTH, COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Rename and Revise the Master of Science in Public Health in Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College to rename and revise the Master of Science in Public Health in Community Health.

This proposal is to change the name of the existing Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) in Community Health to the Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) and to revise the curriculum such that it is focused on health administration, with coursework in management, strategic planning, and data analytics. These changes allow for a distinct program option for students interested in healthcare administration. Currently, the largest group of undergraduate students within the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) are enrolled in majors in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health (KCH). Among these approximately 1,200 students,

more than 300 are in the Community Health major in that major's Health Planning and Administration concentration. Many of these students intend to pursue a master's in health administration and are doing so at other institutions such as Rush University, the University of Michigan, Saint Louis University, and the University of Iowa. The proposed program rename and revision will provide an option to pursue health administration graduate education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The healthcare industry has significant need for master's level health administration graduates. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 20 percent growth in management positions in healthcare between 2016 and 2026, stating specifically that "Candidates with a master's degree in health administration or a related field will have the best prospects" for these jobs.

In addition, the Department of KCH and the College of AHS have built connections with Carle Foundation Hospital and Claro Healthcare, a healthcare consulting company in Chicago. These connections will bear productive professional education opportunities both ways—in these organizations providing seminars and the like for the MSHA as well as employees of these organizations having an opportunity to extend their education by enrolling in the MSHA.

Preliminary discussions have occurred with the Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). All aspects of the revised program will be designed to ensure they meet CAHME's accreditation standards.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects 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.