

Board Meeting  
May 7, 2015

RENAME THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN KINESIOLOGY, NUTRITION, AND  
REHABILITATION, COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Rename the Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology, Nutrition, and  
Rehabilitation, College of Applied Health Sciences

**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, College of Applied Health  
Sciences, and the Graduate College recommends the renaming of the Doctor of  
Philosophy in Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Rehabilitation as the Doctor of Philosophy in  
Kinesiology and Nutrition.

In 2008, the Department of Movement Sciences and Department of Human  
Nutrition merged to create the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition. Doctoral  
programs in these departments were also combined to create a single Ph.D. in  
Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Rehabilitation. The name of the program acknowledged that  
the new department's research in human health and movement had significant  
rehabilitation components. Since then, the field of and research in rehabilitation has  
rapidly grown. The rehabilitation track of the Ph.D. has graduated three students, and  
twelve were enrolled in 2014. There are no other peer programs structured in this  
manner. As a result, the College of Applied Health Sciences proposed and received

approval from the Board of Trustees and the Illinois Board of Higher Education to establish a standalone Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences effective Fall 2015. Since the rehabilitation track has evolved into an independent program, the Ph.D. in Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Rehabilitation will be renamed as the Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Nutrition.

Because kinesiology and nutrition are multidisciplinary fields that draw upon and integrate subject matter from a variety of disciplines (e.g., anatomy, biochemistry, biomechanics, motor control, molecular and cell biology, neuroscience, and physiology as well as epidemiology, physical and cultural anthropology, sociology, and behavioral psychology), the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Rehabilitation had no specifically required courses. Students' programs of study were determined on an individual basis by each student and their faculty advisor. Students completed 96-hours beyond the baccalaureate, including at least 32-hours of thesis research, and were required to write a dissertation. The degree requirements for the Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Nutrition will remain the same.

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 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.