

Dear Graduate Committee,

Thank you for your time in reviewing the following requests. We are requesting several major changes to the MPH in Public Health curriculum primarily for CEPH accreditation purposes, as well as to benefit recruitment into the program, which is currently at a critical point. I will briefly summarize these changes and the rationale for these changes.

a) We are requesting to change 12 credit hours of current MPH courses from required courses to electives. This was approved by CEPH accreditation and is recommended to accommodate the joint MD/MPH and DPharm/MPH. Offering these courses as electives will also facilitate elective minors in Rural Health or One Health; both of which are pertinent to the region and could help to recruit students to the Marshall MPH.

b+c) The proposed minor electives in Rural Health and One Health are offered as new course offerings individually, as well as under the grouping of a Graduate Addition of a Minor for both.

d) We are requesting to replace 3 credits of a redundant 1 credit course PH 692 seminar, that was offered 1 time every semester for four semester and retaining PH 692 once for the final semester of the program. The remaining three credits are much needed to be applied toward PH 696 Capstone (currently listed as 2 credits, but for which students really contribute 3 credit hours of work) and PH 694 Practicum or PH 695 Research (currently offered at 1-3 credit hours and for which we are seeking to hold at 3 credit hours for the same reason as PH 606). We are also seeking to reduce the practicum time from 160 hours to 120 which is more in alignment with CEPH accreditation and we believe more feasible for students to complete in one semester.

e) We are proposing an accelerated Masters degree with the BS in Health Sciences. There are no changes in the MPH program for these students beyond their completion of 12 credit hours of the MPH offered in their senior year and the recommended timing of which courses to take at which time, being slightly different from current recommendations to facilitate the BS students. BS students would not be accepted into the MPH program until after their graduation with the BS degree in Health Sciences.

f) Finally there were several errors in the catalog that have been altered on the appropriate forms.

Thank you for your time in reviewing these important requested changes,

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