Program Change Request

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Changes proposed by: mperezp1

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Academic level Graduate

Effective Term 2020-2021

Department Epidemiology & Biostatistics

College Public Health

Program type Certificate

Associated Program Not Applicable

With a certificate in Maternal and Child Health

Catalog Program Title

Maternal and Child Health - Certificate

CIP and Fund code 51220900

Rationale for Proposal

The main objective for this edit is to modify the program requirements so that PHEB 621 and HPCH 613 are the only required classes and the other two electives can be selected by students to better meet their professional needs. After receiving feedback from the Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH.org), it was suggested that HPCH 665 Proposal Writing and Grant Management be changed to an elective course rather than a required one. This change will also allow MPH students at the School of Public Health, who are the main target population for the certificate, to better accommodate the certificate with the requirements of their own MPH program.

Other changes include:
- Changing the certificate type to make it a stand alone program. This is due to repeated inquiries by working professionals who are interested in specializing in MCH without being current students at Texas A&M University. Offering the graduate certificate as a stand-alone program would help fulfill its initial objective of training professionals in the area of Maternal and Child Health. The School of Public Health has other graduate certificates offered as stand alone programs.
- Adding new electives to cover current needs in the certificate including:
  - EPSY 605 Effects of Culture, Diversity, and Poverty on Children and Youth. This class addresses children's health.
  - PHEB 615 Disaster epidemiology. This class focuses on vulnerable populations in the event of a disaster, including MCH populations.
  - PHPM 608 Overview of Maternal and Child Health Systems and Policy. This class covers relevant MCH policy.
  - SOCI 610/WGST 610. Reproduction, Birth, and Power. This class covers sociological considerations to reproductive health.

The need for MCH public health professionals has been documented widely throughout the United States, as well as throughout the world in the U.S., the state of maternal and infant health is on par with middle and low-income countries for some health indicators. Most notably is the high rate of preterm birth in the U.S. A summary of Title V national workforce needs emphasizes that quality MCH training is critical to strengthen the nationwide workforce given the shortage in this
area. Our goal is to increase the MCH workforce through the Certificate in Maternal and Child Health which will develop student MCH competencies enabling them to improve health service delivery to all mothers, children and families.

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**Catalog Program Requirements**

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**Additional information**

11.01.2018 - updates made to required courses - removed PHEB 617 (doesn't exist) and added PHEB 621 (correct active course).sw

**Required Proposal Forms**

- CERT-MCH Program Evaluation with edits.pdf
- Email from ABarry.pdf
- Email from JBlake.pdf
- Email from HPals.pdf

**Reviewer Comments**

- Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (09/02/19 5:23 pm): Rollback: Please upload the certificate's evaluation from Howdy that matches the proposed edits.
- Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (09/09/19 11:28 am): Initial concerns have been addressed.
- Sherry Lin (sllin) (09/16/19 9:34 am): SPH CC approves the program change. Also included support emails.
Print

Detail Requirements

Information for Degree Evaluation

This is NOT an official evaluation.

Print Instructions

Program Evaluation

Limitation: Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 Program GPA for graduation purposes.

Limitation No more than 50% of courses required for the degree plan can be taken as Distance Education Courses for non-distance degree programs.

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Other Course Information

Transfer : 0.000 0

This is NOT an official evaluation.

Area : Courses Counting in GPR - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Courses

No A. Additional Unused Courses

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

unofficial evaluation

Area : Certificate Coursework (12.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Courses

No A. HPCH 613 3hrs
No AND B. HPCH 605 3hrs
No AND C. PHEB 621 3hrs
No AND D. Elective Ghrs

Select from HLTH 632; INTA 645; PHEB 622; PHEO 613.

HPCH 665; EPSY 605; PHEB 615
PHPM 608; SOCI 616/WGST 610

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Maria,

Thank you for reaching out. I’m delighted to support the Maternal and Child Health Graduate Certificate, and happy to hear the inclusion of HLTH 632 as a viable alternative to HPCH 613.

I have cc’ed the Division Chair (Kelly Wilson) for our Health Education Division (faculty that teach HLTH courses) so that she is aware, and so perhaps additional future conversations can be had - should you wish to have them - about other applicable/relevant HLTH courses that may be suitable for the certificate.

Again, thank you for including HLTH 632 in this Certificate. Have a great weekend.

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On Sep 4, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu> wrote:

Dear Dr. Barry,

My name is Maria Perez-Patron and I took over the MCH program after Brandie Taylor’s departure to Temple University. I am reaching out to you because your department had collaborated before in the Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/maternal-and-child-health-certificate/#programrequirements . Some students from HKN have expressed interest in the certificate and I would like to facilitate this process by adding HLTH 632 Health Program Evaluation as an alternative to the current required class HPCH 613 Program Evaluation, offered at the School of Public Health. Please, let me know if you think that would be a change that the department would support.

Thanks,

Maria
Dear Maria,

This is great! Yes, please keep me posted on the process of this certificate. I will briefly mention this certificate at our faculty meeting, so that faculty know about this possibility and will also forward the information to graduate students. Do I understand correctly - it is an active certification that students can already pursue, you are just trying to add courses to it?

Thank you so much!

Heili

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From: Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 2:11 PM
To: Theresa Morris <theresa.morris@tamu.edu>
Cc: Heili Pals <hpals@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

Thank you, Theresa.

Hi Heili,

I just wanted you to be aware that I am trying to add SOCI 610/WGST 610 Reproduction, Birth and Power as an elective for the Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health: https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/maternal-and-child-health-certificate/#programrequirementstext

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I am trying to make these changes for next academic year, but I am not sure if the entire process will make the deadline. I will let you both know if the changes go through.

Thanks,

Maria

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From: Theresa Morris <theresa.morris@tamu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1:53 PM
To: Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu>
Cc: Heili Pals <hpals@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: Certificate in Maternal and Child Health
Hi Maria,

Heili Pals is our department’s Director of Graduate Retention and the point person on graduate curriculum.

All my best,
Theresa

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Author of Health Care in Crisis: Hospitals, Nurses, and the Consequences of Policy Change (NYU Press, 2018)
Author of Cut It Out: The C-Section Epidemic in America (NYU Press, 2013, 2016)

From: Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1:16 PM
To: Theresa Morris <theresa.morris@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

Thank you! Is there anyone that needs to be notified in your department or college as the curricular approval makes it throughout the university?

Maria

From: Theresa Morris <theresa.morris@tamu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 11:35 AM
To: Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu>
Subject: Re: Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

Hi Maria,

Yes, of course I remember you! Yes, please add my course. Thanks for including it!

All my best,
Theresa

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Dear Theresa,

I am not sure if you remember me. I worked at the RDC with Mark and Bethany a couple of years back and I am now at the School of Public Health. I am reaching out to ask you if I can add your class SOCI 610/WGST 610 Reproduction, Birth and Power as an elective for the Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health: https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/maternal-and-child-health-certificate/#programrequirementstext

I believe that the class will provide with relevant background to students interested in MCH. Please let me know what you think.

Best regards,

Maria

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Yes absolutely.

Please excuse the brevity of this message and any grammatical errors.

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Jamilia Blake

On Sep 4, 2019, at 9:56 AM, Maria Perez-Patron <maria.perez@tamu.edu> wrote:

Dear Dr. Blake,

I am in charge of the graduate certificate in Maternal and Child Health at the school of public health and I am trying to increase the curriculum offering for students. I am reaching out to ask you if I can add your class EPSY 605 Effects of Culture, Diversity, and Poverty on Children and Youth as an elective for the Graduate Certificate in MCH: [https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/maternal-and-child-health-certificate/#programrequirements](https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/maternal-and-child-health-certificate/#programrequirements)

Your class will cover an important gap on childhood and developmental issues. Please let me know what you think.

Best regards,

Maria

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