

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date _____ Curriculum Bulletin _____
Effective Date **Fall 2018** Approved by EPC _____

Department **Public Health**
 College **PH - Public Health**
 Degree **BSPH - Bachelor of Science in Public Health**
 Program Name **Public Health** Program Banner Code **PH**
 Concentration(s) **Environmental Health Sciences** Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) **EHS**
 Proposal **Temporarily suspend admissions**

Description of proposal:

This proposal seeks to suspend the admission of students to the Environmental Health Sciences concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree program. The colleges' accreditation body has released new guides for accreditation for faculty staffing. The college needs to reevaluate the demand for this program and campus offering location.

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No

Current total credit hours: _____ Proposed total credit hours _____

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

None

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

None

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

Department Chair / School Director _ / _ / _

Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals) _ / _ / _

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College Dean (or designee) 9, 28, 17

Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals) _ / _ / _

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (or designee) _ / _ / _

Proposal Summary

Suspension of EHS Concentration in Public Health

Description of Action, Including Intended Effect

This proposal seeks to request a suspension of admission for the Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) Concentration due to changes in accreditation faculty calculations.

During the fall of 2016 the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) released its revised accreditation criteria highlighting that each undergraduate concentration housed within the college of public health must meet a specified faculty thresholds. In spring 2017 the EHS program saw the retirement of a key faculty member and program director. In addition, at this time EHS is a low enrollment concentration.

Impact on Other Programs, Course Offerings, Students, Faculty, Staff (e.g., duplication issues)

The impact of this suspension will impact a limited number of undergraduate students in the College of Public Health. Undergraduate advising is aware of this proposal and has been working with students on the defined teach out plan.

Fiscal, Enrollment, Facilities and Staffing Considerations

None

Evidence of Need and Sustainability if Establishing

None

Provisions for Phase-Out if Inactivating

Undergraduate students who have been impacted by the suspension have received communication from their assigned advisor. In addition GPS plans have been developed for each student.

Timetable and Actions Required: *a chronology of actions required to approve the proposal with an anticipated implementation date for each action*

Fall 2018-Fall 2020 - Suspension of the concentration



Transmittal Memo

Date: September 15, 2017

To: Therese Tillett, Director Curriculum Services
Educational Policies Council (EPC)

From: Dr. Sonia Alemagno, Dean College of Public Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SA", written over the name "Dr. Sonia Alemagno".

Re: Suspension of Environmental Health Sciences Concentration

On behalf of the College of Public Health, please find the attached materials to request a suspension of admission, as soon as possible, to the Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) Concentration due to changes in accreditation faculty calculations.

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Given these circumstances, the college feels it is in the best interest of students to suspend the concentration to determine the best course of action moving forward. It is critical however, the suspension be approved so the college can maintain its accreditation status. Teach out plans have been developed that will affect the 18 EHS students on the Kent Campus.

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