CHANGE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	HEALTH SCIENCES		Department:	CLINICAL SCIENCES	
Current Major Name:	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES		*Proposed Major Name:*	*NO CHANGE*	
Current Degree Title:	MSPAS		*Proposed Degree Title:*	*NO CHANGE*	
Formal Option(s):			*Proposed Formal Option(s):*		
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:			*Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:*		
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration[1]:					
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	GR BULL 303-309	CIP Code[1]: 51.0912		Today's Date:	5/29/14
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):	ACCREDITATION REVIEW COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FOR THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, INC.				
Requested Effective Date:	☒ Semester following approval.		OR	☐ Specific Date[2]:	
Dept. Contact Person:	KEVIN SCHUER	Phone:	218-0838	Email:	kevin.schuer@uky.edu

2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		Current	Proposed
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed		
	(Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)		
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)		
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required		
4.	Termination criteria		
5.	Plan A Degree Plan requirements[3] (thesis)		
6.	Plan B Degree Plan requirements[3] (non-thesis)	93 credit hours	*94 credit hours*
7.	Distribution of course levels required		
	(At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)		
8.	Required courses (if applicable)		
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)		
10.	Final examination requirements		

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[1] Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the APAA can provide you with that during the contact.

[2] Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

[3] If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

11.	Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u>
	NA
12.	List any other requirements not covered above?
	Course change proposal to change PAS 656 (required course) from 3 credit hours to 4 credit hours
13.	Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.
	We are proposing significant changes in content/student learning outcomes for the PAS 656 course (when approved) that will increase the course credit hours for PAS 656 from 3.0 to 4.0 and, thus, the total required credits for the degree from 93 to 94. The UKPAS program has maintained the PAS 656 course at 3.0 credit hours since 2000 when the program was converted to a master's program. Since that time, new instructional techniques as well as new content areas designed to meet the needs of the 21st century health sciences student have been, and continue to be, developed. The additional credit hour in PAS 656 will allow the primary course instructor to utilize teaching techniques to include small group learning as well as peer-to-peer instruction during lecture. Further, the additional credit hour will allow the course instructor to cover course material in more depth and allow for additional instuction and simulation in areas such as patient communication as well as to develop student hands-on skills requisite for physician assistant practice. This increase will also allow for the utilization of clinical and practice case scenarios. Programmatic feedback generated both from eternal as well as internal reflection has identified student limitations in communication skills as well as hands-on skills (e.g., suturing, IV placement, etc.). It is our belief that the additional credit hour used to cover the content areas will address the aforementioned limitations and also enhance student preparedness to successfully enter the clinical phase of training.

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Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Proposal Name: PAS 656
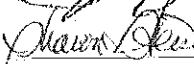
Proposal Contact Person Name: KEVIN M. SCHUER   Phone: 218-0838   Email: KEVIN.SCHUER@UKY.EDU

INSTRUCTIONS:
Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
DEPARTMENT CHAIR	6/2/14	Dr. KAREN SKAFF / 80585 / KOSKAF0@UKY.EDU	
CHS INTERIM DEANS Acad Affairs Comm	6/19/14	Sharon Stewart /80560 srstew01@uky.edu	Sharon Stewart
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision[4]
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

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[4] Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.

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May 29, 2014

Karen O. Skaff, Ph.D., Chair
University Of Kentucky
College of Health Sciences
Department of Clinical Sciences

RE: PAS Course / Programmatic Change – PAS 656

Dear Dr. Skaff,

      I am writing this letter regarding a proposed course change and subsequent program change in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies. Along with this cover letter you will find both the University required "Change Master Degree Program Form," the current course report generated from eCATS, as well as an updated syllabus for PAS 656.

      We are proposing significant changes in content/student learning outcomes for the PAS 656 course (when approved) that will increase the course credit hours for PAS 656 from 3.0 to 4.0. The UKPAS program has maintained the PAS 656 course at 3.0 credit hours since 2000 when the program was converted to a Master's program. Since that time, new instructional techniques as well as new content areas designed to meet the needs of the 21st century health sciences student have been, and continue to be, developed. The additional credit hour in PAS 656 will allow the primary course instructor to utilize teaching techniques to include small group learning as well as peer-to-peer instruction during lecture. Further, the additional credit hour will allow the course instructor to not only cover course material in more depth, but allow for additional instruction and simulation in areas such as patient communication as well as to develop student hands-on skills requisite for Physician Assistant practice. This increase will also allow for the utilization of clinical and practice case scenarios. Programmatic feedback generated both from external as well as internal reflection has identified student limitations in communication skills as well as hands on skills (ie: suturing, i.v. placement, ect).

      It is our belief that the additional credit hour used to cover the above content areas will not only address the aforementioned limitations, but also enhance student preparedness to successfully enter the clinical phase of training.

Warmest regards,

Kevin M. Schuer, PA-C, MPH
Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator
University Of Kentucky Physician Assistant Program

Bradford W. Schwarz, M.S., PA-C, DFAAPA
Associate Professor and Division Director
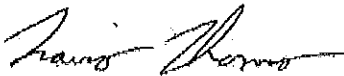University Of Kentucky Physician Assistant Program

MEMO

June 19, 2014

TO: Bradford W. Schwarz, M.S., PA-C, DFAAPA
FROM: Travis Thomas – Chair Academic Affairs
RE: AA approval of PAS 656

Brad,

The Academic Affairs (AA) Committee has thoroughly reviewed your responses to reviewer inquiries and the Committee recommends approval of the course change proposal and the proposal to change the PAS master's program to include an additional credit hour for *PAS 656 Patient Evaluation and Management*. Please remember to use the revised syllabus submitted to the AA committee on June 17th 2014. Thanks for the opportunity to review this proposal. Please let me know if I can help clarify anything regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

Travis Thomas

Travis Thomas, PhD, RD, CSSD, *Chair – CHS Academic Affairs Committee (2013-14)*

I support the Committee's recommendation.

Sharon Stewart
Interim Dean
6-20-2014

From:	Nikou, Roshan
Sent:	Friday, September 26, 2014 3:48 PM
To:	Brothers, Sheila C; Carvalho, Susan E; Ellis, Janie; Ett, Joanie M; Hippisley, Andrew R; Jackson, Brian A; Lindsay, Jim D.; Nikou, Roshan; Price, Cleo; Timoney, David M
Cc:	Badurdeen, Fazleena F; Schuer, Kevin M; Jones, Davy; Orren, David K; McCormick, Katherine; Perkins, Andrea L; Dupont-Versteegden, Esther E
Subject:	Transmittals
Attachments:	Establish Deptof Toxicology and Cancer Biology-signed.pdf; MastersPH-signed.pdf; Manufacturing.pdf; PhysicianAssistant.pdf

TO: Andrew Hippisley, Chair and Sheila Brothers, Coordinator
Senate Council

FROM: Brian Jackson, Chair and Roshan Nikou, Coordinator
Graduate Council

The Graduate Council approved the following proposals and is now forwarding them to the Senate Council to approve.

Please note, the courses listed below are accessible via e-Cats' workflow.

Establishment of the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology
Change in Manufacturing Systems Engineering Masters Program (additional information is attached)
Change in Public Health Masters program
Change in Physician Assistant Masters program

HHS 402G Muscle Biology
PPS 710 Techniques in Secondary Data Research
BMI 730 Principles of Clinical Informatics
BMI 731 Biomedical Information Retrieval
BMI 732 Biomedical Ontologies and Semantic Web Techniques
BMI 733 Biomedical Natural Language Processing
BMI 734 Introduction to Biomedical Image Analysis
BMI 735 Introduction to BioImage Informatics
CPH 709 Global Health Internship
PAS 656 Patient Evaluation and Management
PA 775 Special Topics in Health Administration