



MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Colleges Council

FROM: Sharon R. Stewart, CHS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs *SR*

RE: Request for changes to the curriculum and courses in Physician Assistant Studies

DATE: December 11, 2007

I am attaching the proposal for changes to the Physician Assistant Studies (PAS) Program and to several PAS courses for consideration by the Health Care Colleges Council. The PAS Program is located in the Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences. These changes were recommended for approval by the CHS Academic Affairs Committee, and I support the proposals.

The proposals are organized into three electronic folders. The explanatory narrative provided by the Program is found below.

The folder called "PAS Course Change Submission 2007 new forms" includes a request for changes in numbering of existing didactic and clinical courses with no change in the content. There is also a request to add a new course in this folder. The course PAS 678 will replace the first instance of an existing course PAS 680, which has been repeated a second time in the past. A request for change in the PAS masters program is included listing the changes in course numbering and the new course. Please see the memo for an overview.

The folder called "PAS Clinical Curriculum Changes 2007 new forms" contains requests for changes in the PA curriculum clinical year that extend beyond changes in course numbering. A request for change in the PAS masters program is included and the memo explains the rationale and what is being requested.

As stated in the previous paragraphs, both folders imply a change in the Masters Program, so a form for that change is supplied in each folder. Note that there are TWO different forms requesting a program change. This is intended to make the changes more easily comprehensible.

Please contact Julie Gurwell (323-1100, ext 80843) or Sharon Stewart (323-1100, ext 80570) regarding any concerns or questions.



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Memo

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To: Robert Hadley, PhD, PA-C
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From: Doris Rapp, PharmD, PA-C
Division/Program Director

Date: October 4, 2007

Re: Submission Course Changes

The Division of Physician Assistant Studies is submitting for your review multiple course changes. Several of the submissions are modifications of course numbers from professional course numbers to graduate course numbers. They are as follows:

PAS 842 to PAS 665
PAS 850 to PAS 650
PAS 851 to PAS 651
PAS 853 to PAS 653
PAS 856 to PAS 656
PAS 857 to PAS 657
PAS 862 to PAS 662
PAS 864 to PAS 664
PAS 870 to PAS 670
PAS 871 to PAS 671

The lecture:lab ratio has been corrected for the following courses, and reflected in the modified course descriptions:

PAS 656, PAS 657

Additionally, one course is being created. It should be noted that this does not increase the total credit number requirements for the program. In the past, students have been required to register for PAS 680 twice; once in the didactic year, and once in the clinical phase of the program. The content of PAS 680 during the didactic year is focused on preventive medicine topics. The content of PAS 680 during the clinical phase of the program includes lectures on various special topics. It has been confusing for faculty, students, and the Graduate School to properly account for the registration of the same course number twice, and therefore we would like to assign the preventive medicine course in the didactic year a unique course number, PAS 678. The syllabus is included for your review.

<u>Original Course Number</u>		<u>New Course Number</u>	
PAS	850	PAS	650
PAS	851	PAS	651
PAS	853	PAS	653
PAS	857	PAS	657
PAS	862	PAS	662
PAS	864	PAS	664
PAS	870	PAS	670
PAS	871	PAS	671
PAS	680	PAS	678*

* **Note regarding PAS 678.** This is not a new course even though it appears to be. To date, the course content has been addressed PAS 680: Seminar in Physician Assistant Studies. Students would register for PAS 680 twice for a total of 4 credits. Two of those credits addressed health promotion and disease prevention and the remaining two credits addressed a variety of subjects pertinent to clinical practice and professional life of the PA. The proposed change in course number provides a title and course description that better reflects the topic and purposes for the course and indicates the importance of these topics. In short, PAS 678 is the same content as has been taught all alone for the first session in PAS 680.

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM**

Program: Physician Assistant Studies

Department/Division: Clinical Sciences

College: Health Sciences Bulletin pp 300-304

Degree Title (Old): Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Major (New): _____

CIP Code: 51.091 HEGIS Code: _____

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant

I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)		
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)		
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required		
4. Termination criteria		
5. Plan A requirements*		
6. Plan B requirements*		
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)	PAS 850 Clinical Methods	PAS 650 Clinical Methods
	PAS 851 Introduction to the Profession	PAS 661 Introduction to the Profession
	PAS 853 Introduction to Health and Disease	PAS 653 Introduction to Health and Disease
	PAS 856 Patient Evaluation and Management	PAS 656 Patient Evaluation and Management
	PAS 857 Clinical Laboratory Procedures	PAS 657 Clinical Laboratory Procedures
	PAS 862 Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship	PAS 662 Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship
	PAS 864 Geriatrics Clerkship	PAS 664 Geriatrics Clerkship
	PAS 842 Clinical Practicum in Physician Assistant Studies	PAS 665 Clinical Practicum in Physician Assistant Studies
	PAS 870 Emergency Medicine	PAS 670 Emergency Medicine

Clerkship	Clerkship
PAS 871 Psychiatry Clerkship	PAS 671 Psychiatry Clerkship
PAS 680 Seminar in Physician Assistant Studies (didactic curriculum ***)	PAS 678 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)

10. Final examination requirements

* 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.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

11. Any other requirements not covered above

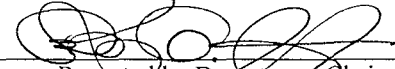
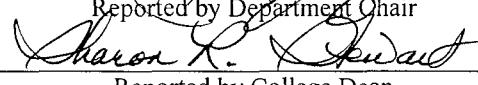
II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

When switching to a graduate degree program, all course numbers were not changed from professional to graduate numbers. The current proposal corrects the course numbers, and in doing so, the required courses will change in the program. The courses themselves have not changed in content or credit hours.

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Signatures of Approval:

<p><i>10-8-07</i></p> <hr/> Date of Approval by Department Faculty	 <hr/> Reported by Department Chair
<p><i>12-10-07</i></p> <hr/> Date of Approval by College Faculty	 <hr/> Reported by College Dean
<hr/> *Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council Approved by Graduate Council 1/31/2008	<hr/> Reported by Undergraduate Council Chair
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<hr/> *Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)	<hr/> Reported by HCCC Chair
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*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL