

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Public Health

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Specifics (see instructions):

The Public Health program would like to change the name of the Health Administration and Policy (HAPP) minor to the Public Health minor, consistent with the change of the name of the program and BA. All degree requirement will be consistent with the HAPP minor.

Existing requirements are:

To complete the minor, students must complete six courses (18 credit hours) meeting the following requirements:

- HAPP 100 (required for all minors)
- Five elective HAPP courses of the student's choosing
- One of the elective HAPP courses may be a SOCY or ANTH course

All courses towards the minor must be completed with a grade of C or better. Students in the minor will not be eligible for the HAPP internship (HAPP 470).

HAPP majors are not able to declare the HAPP minor.

New requirement are:

To complete the minor, students must complete six courses (18 credit hours) meeting the following requirements:

- **PBHL/HAPP** 100 (required for all minors)
- Five elective **PBHL/HAPP** courses of the student's choosing
- One of the elective **PBHL/HAPP** courses may be a SOCY or ANTH course

All courses towards the minor must be completed with a grade of C or better. Students in the minor will not be eligible for the **PBHL/HAPP** internship (**PBHL/HAPP** 470).

PBHL majors are not able to declare the **PBHL** minor.

Rationale (see instructions):

The change of the program name from Health Administration and Policy to Public Health, and the structure of the minor, necessitate the name change of the minor. There are no specific requirements for the existing minor that are focused more on the health administration or health policy aspects of the major. Because students have the option to choose classes across the full listing of the Public Health curriculum, it would best be defined as a Public Health minor.

We anticipate a name change to Public Health will make the minor more desirable. Most students following the HAPP minor were interested in the public health components of the program. Having a minor that identifies public health related skills and knowledge is likely to be a meaningful credential for students across the UMBC campus.

While HAPP no longer exists as a major at UMBC, HAPP classes will still be part of student records for several years. This makes it necessary to allow HAPP or PBHL courses to fulfill the minor requirements.