

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Health Administration and Policy Minor

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Specifics:

The Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP) propose to offer a minor concentration for students in other majors with an interest in public health and healthcare. 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).

Rationale:

The Health Administration and Policy Program (HAPP) is designed to prepare students to work or pursue graduate degrees in the fields of public health, health administration, and health policy. While HAPP currently has ~200 majors, it is the only academic program in SAHAP that does not have a corresponding minor. Students in other majors have often expressed interest in a HAPP minor, most commonly students in the natural sciences majors interested in medical professions (e.g., Biology majors). At the same time, public health and health administration are increasingly interdisciplinary fields, requiring skilled professionals from information technology, engineering, and business, in addition to the natural sciences. Many students in these fields are interested in applying their technical knowledge to solve health-related challenges, yet they lack the necessary background knowledge in health sciences and healthcare systems. The HAPP program is well positioned to provide these students with the topical knowledge and skills to contribute in healthcare administration and public health. The minor is also likely to increase the academic diversity of students in HAPP courses and to broaden the disciplinary perspectives represented in classroom discussions. This minor is not intended for HAPP majors.

*All courses towards the HAPP minor are housed within the SAHAP Department, and therefore does not require letters of support.