

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

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Specifics (see Instructions):

Current Core – 28 credits

HAPP 100
HAPP 200
HAPP 300
HAPP 350
STAT 121 or STAT 350 or STAT 351 or SOCY 301
HAPP 452
HAPP 470
PRAC 098B (0 credits)

New Core (without PRAC 98B) – 28 credits

HAPP 100
HAPP 200
HAPP 300
HAPP 350
STAT 121 or STAT 350 or STAT 351 or SOCY 301
HAPP 452
HAPP 470

Rationale (see instructions):

PRAC 098B previously served a strictly administrative function for HAPP majors as part of the required internship (HAPP 470). However, this is no longer necessary as HAPP has begun using our own software to administer this internship entirely internally (detailed below). Accordingly, we would like to remove PRAC 098B from our program requirements. As a zero-credit course, the removal would not change the number of credits required for successful completion of the program.

When the program changes for HAPP were submitted in Spring 2016, PRAC 098B was included with HAPP 470 (the required internship course). At that time, we did not have software that allowed us to collect and organize internship data (including agencies, preceptors, preceptor evaluations, student evaluations, and timesheets) and asked The Career Center to do that for us. In return, HAPP 470 students were required to register for PRAC 098B, a zero-credit course that provided this administrative function for the HAPP program. The PRAC curriculum was waived for HAPP 470 students, who were graded as pass/fail and the course was noted on the students' transcripts.

In Fall 2018, HAPP was able to implement a secure software program that allowed for the collection and storage of the needed data internally. Administrators, students, and preceptors are now assigned a unique ID and password and are asked to change their login information upon first login. Password recovery must go through one of two people in HAPP – the Internship Coordinator or the Program Management Specialist for HAPP.

Since that time, and because we have been able to collect our own data, we have been requesting a waiver of enrollment for PRAC 098B for all students enrolled in HAPP 470. Removing PRAC 098B from our program requirements would allow us to forego the waiver request each semester and during the Summer session.