

## **OVERVIEW FROM SCOTT HERNESS**

### **Health Behavior and Health Promotion Minor**

The graduate minor in Public Health Behavior and Health Promotion is a twelve credit hour minor composed of three core courses and a selection of electives. It is intended to complement applicable PhD and Master's degree majors across Ohio State University to provide students with fundamental knowledge about public health behavior and health promotion and the related skills and approaches necessary to plan, implement, and evaluate health-related programs.

A required core course, PUBHHBP 7520 Community Health Assessment, was reduced from 3 to 2 credit hours, due to its overlap with other courses in the graduate program curriculum for the Master's degree. Hence, the graduate minor curriculum was also affected. The proposal requests that the minor be adjusted from a minimum of 12 credit hours to 11.

The subcommittee was assured that the loss of content in PUBHHBP 7520 did not negatively impact the core learning objectives of the minor. The subcommittee approved the proposal.

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The combined Graduate School/Council on Academic Affairs curriculum subcommittee met on June 1<sup>st</sup> and, among its agenda items, considered the proposal requesting a reduction in the total credit hours for the Health Behavior and Health Promotion graduate minor by one credit hour (from 12 to 11 total hours).

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The committee's immediate concern centered on whether the lost credit of the course did not negatively impact the core learning objectives of the minor. The proposal assures that it does not.

One small clarification is requested. The proposal states the minor requires a minimum of 11 credit hours but lists PUBHHP 7520 as 3 credit hours. An assumed small typo, given the centrality to the proposal, it should be rectified.

The subcommittee approved the proposal. It will be forward to both Graduate Council and subsequently to Council on Academic Affairs for their final approvals.

As always, I am available for any questions or clarifications.

Many thanks,

  
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### **Competencies**

Upon completion of the Minor in Public Health Behavior and Health Promotion, students will be able to:

- Critically assess the evidence linking behavioral and psychosocial factors to health and illness
- Apply behavioral and social science theory to the development, implementation, and evaluation of health promotion and disease prevention programs at multiple targets and different levels of intervention (intrapersonal, interpersonal, and community).
- Demonstrate cultural competency when planning health promotion and disease prevention activities.

The minor requires a minimum of 11 credit hours.

### **The required courses are:**

PUBHHBP 6510 or PUBHHBP 6515*	Preventing Disease and Promoting Health through Behavioral Science Advanced Health Behavior and Health Promotion	3 credits 3 credits
PUBHHBP 7520	Community Health Assessment	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7522	Program Planning and Implementation	3 credits
<b>Electives</b>		
Select from:		
PUBHHBP 7532	Program Evaluation in Public Health	3 credits
PUBHHBP 7542	Settings and Special Populations in Health Promotion	3 credits
PUBHHBP 7544	Fundamental Determinants of Population Health and Implications for Public Health	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7570	Obesity: A Multidisciplinary Foundation	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7558	Social Ecological Strategies in Prevention	2 credits
PUBHHBP 8562*	HBHP Advanced Theory of Health Behavior Change in Public Health Applications	2 credits

*\*For students with a strong background in basic Health Behavior and Health Promotion they may substitute PUBHHP 8562: HBHP Advanced Theory, in place of 6510. This course substitution must be approved by the minor advisor.*

Minors offered by the College of Public Health cannot be completed by Master of Public Health students.

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