July 7, 2023

TO: Randy Smith, PhD

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

To be consistent with the recent changes from the University Office of Academic Affairs, as it is allowable to have 100% course overlap between an academic certificate and the individual program degree requirements, we proposed the following to both our Graduate Committee and HRS Curriculum Committee

1. **BS Health Sciences**: Allow for the certificates UG Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology; UG Medical Coding and Health Care Data Analytics for Practice; UG Medical Laboratory Science; and UG Usability and User Experience in Health Care to count as the required minor (12 credit hours) or as the major electives (3-12 credit hours) within the program degree requirements.
2. **Health Information Management and Systems:** Allow the certificates UG Medical Coding and Health Care Data Analytics for Practice and UG Usability and User Experience in Health Care to also satisfy the equivalent courses within the degree requirements.
3. **MDN, MS and PhD Health and Rehabilitation Sciences:** Allow for the certificates Grad Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology; Grad Medical Coding and Health Care Data Analytics for Practice; and Grad Usability and User Experience in Health Care to also count as the required cognate area/open electives (12 credit hours) within

the degree requirements.

The committees approved these proposals unanimously on June 15, 2023. If I need to provide this notification to any other parties, please advise.

Sincerely,



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