



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

Senate Document #:	16-17-05
PCC ID #:	15069
Title:	Rename the Master of Arts in “Hearing and Speech Sciences” to “Speech-Language Pathology”
Presenter:	Andrew Harris, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee
Date of SEC Review:	August 30, 2016
Date of Senate Review:	September 7, 2016
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	<p>The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences within the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences proposes to rename its Master of Arts program in “Hearing and Speech Sciences” to “Speech-Language Pathology.” Several years ago, the Master of Arts program served students interested in both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The professional credential required for Audiology subsequently became a four-year doctoral degree. The department now offers a doctoral program in Clinical Audiology to meet this need for students interested in a career in Audiology. The Master of Arts program now only serves students interested in Speech-Language Pathology. The current title of the program, “Hearing and Speech Sciences,” no longer accurately reflects the content of the professional training and could be misleading for professional licensure application and to prospective employers. Consequently, the department proposes to retitle the program to “Speech-Language Pathology.”</p> <p>This proposal was approved by the Graduate School Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on April 22, 2016, and was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee at its meeting on May 6, 2016.</p>
Relevant Policy # & URL:	N/A

Recommendation:	The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this program name change.
Committee Work:	The committee first considered this proposal at its meeting on February 5, 2016, when the department requested a curriculum change for the program. Yasmeen Shah, Director of the Master of Arts program, and Wayne McIntosh, Associate Dean for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, presented the proposal to modify the curriculum. During the discussion, the committee learned of the outdated program title and expressed support for the name change. The department submitted a formal proposal and the committee formally approved the proposal at its May 6, 2016 meeting.
Alternatives:	The Senate could decline to approve this program name change.
Risks:	If the Senate declines to approve this program name change, the program title will not adequately reflect the program content.
Financial Implications:	There are no significant financial implications with this proposal.
Further Approvals Required:	If the Senate approves this proposal, it would still require further approval by the President, the Chancellor, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

**University of Maryland PCC
Program/Curriculum/Unit Proposal**

PCC Log No: 15069

Program: MASTER OF ARTS IN HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES (SPLA)

Department/Unit: HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES (HESP)

College/School: BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Type of Action (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum change (includes modifying minors, concentrations/specializations and creating informal specializations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a new academic degree/certificate program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum change is for an LEP Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Create an online version of an existing program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rename a program or formal Area of Concentration | <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a new minor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Establish/Discontinue a formal Area of Concentration | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspend/Discontinue a degree/certificate program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a new Master or Certificate of Professional Studies program |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> New Professional Studies program will be administered by Office of Extended Studies |

Italics indicate that the proposal must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Approval Signatures

This form uses digital signatures. When you are ready to move the proposal forward, please send via email to the appropriate person at the next the approval level. Approvers should click the appropriate signature field to sign. When approved by the dean of the college or school, please email this form and the proposal document as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu. For proposals requiring multiple unit approvals, use additional cover sheet(s).

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Summary of Proposed Action (use additional sheet if necessary):

The Master of Arts program prepares students to professionally practice speech-language pathology. The program is currently titled Master of Arts in Hearing and Speech Sciences (Area of concentration: Speech). This degree name does not accurately reflect the content of the professional training and could be misleading for professional licensure application and to prospective employers. So we request changing the degree name to Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology.

Unit Code(s) (to be entered by the Office of Academic Planning and Programs):