



PCC Proposal to Rename the Ph.D. in “Health Services” to “Health Services Research” (Senate Document #18-19-23)

TO Wallace D. Loh | President

FROM Christopher Walsh | Chair, University Senate

I am pleased to forward the accompanying legislation for your consideration and approval. Janna Bianchini, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Rename the Ph.D. in “Health Services” to “Health Services Research” (Senate Document #18-19-23), which the University Senate approved at its meeting on March 6, 2019. Please inform the Senate of your decision and any administrative action related to your conclusion.

Approved:

Date:

03-12-2019

Wallace D. Loh
President

Copies of this approval and the accompanying legislation will be forwarded to:

- Mary Ann Rankin**, Senior Vice President and Provost
- Reka Montfort**, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
- Michael Poterala**, Vice President and General Counsel
- Cynthia Hale**, Associate Vice President for Finance and Personnel
- John Bertot**, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Elizabeth Beise**, Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs
- Sylvia B. Andrews**, Academic Affairs
- Boris Lushniak**, Dean, School of Public Health
- Dylan Roby**, Associate Chair for the Department of Health Services Administration
- Michael Colson**, Senior Coordinator for Academic Programs
- Janna Bianchini**, Chair of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses Committee



Rename the Ph.D. in "Health Services" to "Health Services Research" (PCC 18042)

PRESENTED BY Janna Bianchini, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

REVIEW DATES SEC – January 28, 2019 | SENATE – March 6, 2019

VOTING METHOD In a single vote

RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT NA

NECESSARY APPROVALS Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

ISSUE

The Department of Health Services Administration within the School of Public Health proposes to rename its current doctoral program in “Health Services” to “Health Services Research.” Health Services Research is the official name of the academic discipline and used by peer institution Ph.D. programs, including Boston University, Johns Hopkins, George Mason, and Stanford. Moreover, the name Health Services can be misleading, as it could describe the broader field of health care service delivery, rather than the specific research field of Health Services Research.

This proposal was approved by the Graduate School Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee on November 30, 2018, and was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee on December 7, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this program name change.

COMMITTEE WORK

The committee considered this proposal at its meeting on December 7, 2018. Dylan Roby, Associate Chair and Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Health Services Administration, presented the proposal and answered questions from the committee. The proposal was unanimously approved by the committee.

ALTERNATIVES

The Senate could decline to approve this program title change.

RISKS

If the Senate declines to approve this name change, the program will retain its inaccurate and potentially confusing title.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications with this proposal.

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

PCC Log No: 18042

Program: PhD in Health Services Program

Department/Unit: Health Services Administration

College/School: School of Public Health

Proposal Contact Person (with email): droby@umd.edu

Type of Action (check one):

Curriculum change (includes modifying minors, concentrations/specializations and creating informal specializations)

Curriculum change is for an LEP Program

Rename a program or formal Area of Concentration

Establish/Discontinue a formal Area of Concentration

Other:

Establish a new academic degree/certificate program

Create an online version of an existing program

Establish a new minor

Suspend/Discontinue a degree/certificate program

Establish a new Master or Certificate of Professional Studies program

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 - Please print name, sign, and date. For proposals requiring multiple unit approvals, please use additional cover sheet(s).

1. Department Committee Chair

Dylan Roby DYLAN ROBY 6/18/18

2. Department Chair

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3. College/School PCC Chair

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4. Dean

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5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC

Janna Bianchini JL 12-7-18

7. University Senate Chair (if required)

8. Senior Vice President and Provost

Instructions:

When approved by the dean of the college or school, please send the proposal and signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus-5031, **and** email the proposal document as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

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

The Department of Health Services Administration would like to update the name of the PhD program in Health Services to "Health Services Research." Health Services Research is the official name of the academic discipline and Health Services is no longer used to describe the field. This revision to the name will better characterize our field of study and match peer institutions PhD programs in Health Services Research, including Boston University, Johns Hopkins, George Mason University, and Stanford. The name Health Services can be misleading, as it could describe the broader field of health care service delivery, rather than the specific research field of Health Services Research. AcademyHealth, the membership organization, has been focused on promulgating a competency model for Health Services Research to set a standard for the profession: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-6773.12851>. We would like our name to reflect the discipline accurately and avoid confusion for students, faculty, and other stakeholders.

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