LEHMANN COLLEGE
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Department of Health Sciences
Curriculum Change

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1. **Type of Change:** Change in Graduate Program Requirements for M.S. Ed Health N-12 Teacher

2. **From:**

M.S.Ed. Program, Health N-12 Teacher

The purpose of the M.S.Ed. program is to prepare students for [permanent] New York State certification as health teachers.

**Admission Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate the ability to successfully pursue graduate study by having attained a minimum grade average of B in the undergraduate record as a whole and an average of B in courses most relevant to the graduate discipline.
- [Provisional certification as a health teacher] or qualify for certification within three semesters of matriculation.
- Three letters of recommendation and a Personal Goal Statement.

**Degree Requirements**

The curriculum consists of 33 graduate credits and includes either a thesis or a comprehensive examination. Course and credit requirements are as follows:

- In required HEA courses (12 credits): HEA 600 (3)\(^1\), 602 (3), 603 (3)\(^1\), 620 (3)
- In HEA electives\(^2\) (9)
- [In linking courses (12): ] HEA 671 (3), 672 (3), 673 (3), [674 (3)]

\(^1\) Students who have previously taken this course (or its equivalent) may substitute a 3-credit HEA elective in its place.

\(^2\) Students who write a thesis need to earn only 3 credits of HEA electives (HEA 691/692). Otherwise, students must take HEA elective courses totaling 9 credits and pass a comprehensive exam.
3. **To:**

M.S.Ed. Program, Health N-12 Teacher

The purpose of the M.S.Ed. program is to prepare students for professional New York State certification as health teachers.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate the ability to successfully pursue graduate study by having attained a minimum grade average of B in the undergraduate record as a whole and an average of B in courses most relevant to the graduate discipline.
- Initial certification as a health or physical education teacher or qualify for initial certification within three semesters of matriculation.
- Three letters of recommendation and a Personal Goal Statement.

Degree Requirements

The curriculum consists of 33 graduate credits and includes either a thesis or a comprehensive examination. Course and credit requirements are as follows:

- In required HEA courses (12 credits): HEA 600 (3)\(^1\), 602 (3), 603 (3)\(^1\), 620 (3)
- In HEA electives\(^2\) (9)
- In courses linking health with teaching strategies (9): HEA 671 (3), 672 (3), 673 (3)
- In Special Education (3): ESC 506 (3) or EDS 701 (3) or equivalent.

\(^1\) Students who have previously taken this course (or its equivalent) may substitute a 3-credit HEA elective in its place.

\(^2\) Students who write a thesis need to earn only 3 credits of HEA electives (HEA 691/692). Otherwise, students must take HEA elective courses totaling 9 credits and pass a comprehensive exam.

4. **Rationale (Explain how this change is expected to fulfill the learning goals and objectives of the Department and major/program).**

The term "provisional certification" is no longer used by the State Education Department and it has been replaced by "initial certification". This change is reflected under Admission Requirements together with the change that applicants do not have to be certified in health only. They can also be certified in physical education since most applicants to the program are certified in physical education and wish to complete this degree so they will become dual certified (health/physical education) and will be eligible for professional certification upon completing this degree.
Under Degree Requirements, we have changed "In linking courses" to "In courses linking health with teaching strategies" so that it is more descriptive.

A special education course is now required for all degrees leading to NYS teaching certification. The addition of ESC 506 (3 credits) reflects newly instituted NY State certification requirements. ESC 506 is a special education course offered by the Department of Middle and High School Education.

Because we needed to add another course to the major we have eliminated HEA 674 Environment and Protecting Health and included information from this course in the other three courses that link health with teaching strategies: HEA 671, 672, and 673. That way the major remains 33 credits.

5. **Date of Departmental of Health Sciences approval:** May 18, 2011

   **Date of Departmental of Middle and High School Education approval:** September 15, 2011