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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chair

University of Florida Curriculum Committee

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FROM:

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Executive Associate Dean

RE:

Revisions to the Bachelor of Health Science Program

The College of Public Health and Health Professions Bachelor of Health Science faculty is requesting the following changes to the Bachelor of Health Science Program:

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- 1. In order to eliminate confusion and create a consistent College culture regarding prerequisite coursework, we would like to establish uniform core prerequisite coursework across our tracks and minors. Currently the majority of our tracks and minors require biology (BSC 2007), psychology (PSY 2012), physiology (APK 2105), statistics (STA 2023), and advanced psychology (CLP 3144; DEP 3053; or health psychology). However, there are exceptions to this (e.g. public health), and the Bachelor of Health Science faculty has recommended that the requirements become consistent. The requested core prerequisites for all tracks and minors are: general college biology (BSC 2007 or higher), general psychology (PSY 2012), physiology (APK 2105C), statistics (STA 2023), and advanced psychology (CLP 3144; DEP 3053; or health psychology). This recommended change was by unanimous vote of the faculty.
- 2. The Bachelor of Health Science faculty has voted to modify the minor in disability science. We request that the disability science minor change from F5 credits to 17 credits to allow students to receive more intensive coursework in either anatomical and physiological processes or in neurological processes. Currently, students choose either *Musculoskeletal Anatomy* lecture and lab or the *Nervous System and Disorders* lecture and lab for a total of five credits as part of the disability science minor. We would like to change this and require students to select *Musculoskeletal Anatomy* lecture and lab plus *Kinesiology* or select *Nervous System and Disorders* lecture and lab plus *Introduction to Neuropsychology*. Therefore, students would take OTH 4412 plus OTH 4412L (*Anatomy* lecture and lab) plus OTH 3413C (*Applied Kinesiology*) or they would take OTH 4418 plus OTH 4418L (*Nervous System and Disorders*

lecture and lab) plus CLP 4420 (*Introduction to Neuropsychology*). In addition, students will be given minor credit for HSC 3502 (*Survey of Diseases and Disability*), which is a prerequisite for HSC 4558, and recently changed to a 3-credit course. While we recognize these changes remove elective options for students, we believe these changes provide more focused and detailed coursework in the area of disability science. The current minor requirements and the requested changes are shown below.

## REQUIRED COURSES FOR DISABILITY SCIENCE MINOR

Current Requirement		Requested Changes	
Course Number	Course Title	Course Number	Course Title
OTH 3416	Pathophysiology (3)	OTH 3416	Pathophysiology (3)
HSC 4558	Disability Management (3) (Prerequisite APK 2105C Applied Human Physiology with Lab)	HSC 4558	Disability Management (3)
OTH 4412 + 4412L	Musculoskeletal Anatomy Lecture and Lab (5)	OTH 4412 + 4412L	Musculoskeletal Anatomy Lecture and Lab (5)
	OR	OTH 3413C	AND Applied Kinesiology (3) OR
OTH 4418 + 4418L	Nervous System and Disorders and Lab (5)	OTH 4418 + 4418L	Nervous System and Disorders and Lab (5)  AND
		CLP 4420	Introduction to Neuropsychology (3)
	Electives (4)	HSC 3502	Survey of Diseases and Disability (3)
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	17