

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION WITH A MAJOR IN HEALTH EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Health, effective Fall 2020.

Background

The B.S.Ed. with a major in Health Education is currently offered with two concentrations: school health and community health. The concentration in school health will be merged with physical education in the new Bachelor of Science with a major in Health and Physical Education Teaching. The concentration in community health will be transitioned to a new program: Bachelor of Science with a major in Community Health. The State of Michigan has merged health and physical education endorsements into one, and the Standards for the Preparation of Health and Physical Education Teachers have been completely revised. Therefore, we propose to redesign our program. Additionally, many school districts continue to lack an adequate number of certified health and physical education teachers. We are currently unable to respond to the multiple requests we receive for certified teachers.

Program Description

The B.S.Ed with a major in Health Education focused on developing competencies in: assessing individual and group needs for health education; planning, implementing, and evaluating effective health education programs; coordinating provisions for health education; acting as resource persons in health education; and communicating health and health education needs, concerns and resources. Successful completion of the degree program prepared students for employment in school health or community health.

Accommodations for Current Students

Students will have the option to remain in the current program and complete by Fall term, 2023 or move to one of the appropriate new programs. Students opting to move to a new major will have updates to their academic record, including a new catalog term and program title. Although changes to the catalog term may affect General Education Requirements, students will be permitted to continue under the General Education Requirements in effect at the time of their admission or move to the new General Education Requirements, whichever option provides the greatest benefit to their program completion. In addition, plans of work for students in school health will be adjusted to allow for a seamless transition, and students in community health have no changes to plans of work.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this degree program has been approved by the Division of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Studies, the College of Education Assembly, Dean of the College of Education and the Provost.