

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 21 (MPH): Delete SPHG 705, MPH Practicum;
Add new course: PUBH 729, Migration and Health
Add new course: PUBH 743, Climate Change and Human Health
Revise the listing of courses required for the MPH**

Effective Date: Spring 2024

1. **Delete:** On page 236, the entry for **SPHG 705:**

705 MPH Practicum (0)

This 200 (minimum) hour planned, mentored and evaluated applied practice experience gives students an opportunity to use their Gillings MPH training in a professional public health setting. Summer.

Impact Statement: There is no negative impact on resources, course loads, or students as the deleted course – SPHG 705 – had zero credit hours. Hopefully, deleting this summer course will reduce the administrative burden at both UNC Asheville and UNC Gillings.

Rationale: Removing 705 was a decision of UNC Gillings, related to the core MPH courses, and this change will ensure that the catalog entries and requirements are consistent across institutions.

2. **Add:** On page 237, new course, **PUBH 729:**

729 Migration and Health (3)

Explores the linkage between migration and health by taking into account existing models and frameworks that assess the dynamics of an increasingly mobile society. The course evaluates trends in health outcomes among migrants, social determinants of health that affect new migrants and migrant health across the life course. Other elements: labor migration and occupational health; place-based health; access to health coverage; health service provision to migrants. See program director.

3. **Add:** On page 238, new course, **PUBH 743:**

743 Climate Change and Human Health (3)

Foundational knowledge for public health professionals to understand and help mitigate the global and regional human health impacts of climate change. This course leverages the expertise of experts in Asheville at the National Centers for Environmental Information and the Climate Program Office within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Prerequisites, SPHG 711, 712, and 713. See program director.

Impact Statement: PUBH 729 and 743 are elective courses that were taught prior to the program becoming joint. The courses are already in the UNC Gillings course catalog. Currently, there is no anticipated impact on resources or load as the program is sufficiently staffed to offer the courses as needed.

Rationale: Both courses complement the current coursework of the place-based Master of Public Health degree, offering an opportunity for students to practice key skills related to an important area of public health. Adding them to the catalog will ensure that UNC Asheville and UNC Gillings records are consistent.

4. Delete: On page 236, item I under **Degree Requirements:**

- I. Required courses for the MPH degree - 42 hours: SPHG 701, 703, 705, 707, 711, 712, 713, 721, 722; PUBH 734, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 992; and 9 hours of electives.

Add: On page 243, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses for the MPH degree - 42 hours: SPHG 701, 703, 707, 711, 712, 713, 721, 722; PUBH 734, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 992; and 9 hours of electives.

Impact Statement: There should be no impact caused by the removal of the zero credit SPHG 705.

Rationale: UNC Gillings removed SPHG 705 as a required class, and this change is needed to maintain consistency between the catalogs from both institutions.