

College of Public Health
Department of Health Promotion and Behavior

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FROM: David M. Hayes, HPRB Undergraduate Coordinator

DATE: March 21, 2005

RE: HPRB Undergraduate Degree Change

## Request:

Given the recent move of the Department of Health Promotion and Behavior from the College of Education to the new College of Public Health, this is a request to establish a new degree: Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion (B.S. H.P.) and to change the name of the major currently under the B.S.Ed. <u>from</u> Health Promotion and Education (B.S. Ed.) <u>to</u> Health Promotion (B.S. H. P.) The HPRB department voted unanimously to this change.

## Justification:

This degree change would be more appropriate for the HPRB undergraduate major given that the HPRB department intends to deactivate its school health education emphasis area (see attached, separate request), leaving the health promotion and wellness emphasis as the major focus. This change in degree is viewed by the HPRB department as advantageous to our graduates seeking employment or graduate school in a more general health promotion/public health context than "education".

Current students (majors) were alerted of the move from the College of Education to the College of Public health. Currently enrolled students were given the option to have their diplomas reflect graduating from the College of Education or the College of Public Health. Nearly all students opted to graduate from the College of Public Health (via listserve requested responses). The few who remained with the College of Education were those in the teacher certification option, as was expected.

This change is sought for implementation as soon as summer session or as late as fall semester, 2005, if possible.

Please feel free to contact me at 2-4369 or <u>dmhayes@uga.edu</u> or Mark Wilson (Dept. Head) at 2-4364 or <u>mwilson@uga.edu</u> should you require more information.

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(approve)

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