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College of Health Sciences

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October 22, 2018

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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences, and the new Masters of Public Health in Health Policy via the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students in both MPH programs and PhD program may be interested in taking courses in Behavioral Health and Nutrition. Specifically, we expect students to take HLPR 820, Social and Environmental Determinants of Health and to have the option of taking HLPR 632, Health Science Data Analysis as one of their required additional statistics courses.

As the department that teaches the largest number of credits in the College of Health Sciences, we see the opportunity to extend our classes to students in the new MPH programs as an important element of broadening their perspective as part of their public health training. We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Peterson'.

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October 1, 2018

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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Data Science Institute, I am pleased to write this letter of enthusiastic support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences. This will be an important and timely addition to UD's expanding educational programs to train the next generation of researchers, educators and health professionals.

There are clear synergies between data science and the new Program in Epidemiology—as health sciences are increasingly becoming data intensive, with huge amount of complex data types being collected to answer important questions about how a broad range of biological, environmental and lifestyle factors affect health.

We look forward to a close collaboration, establishing linkages between students and faculty looking to use data science to address the biggest and most complex challenges to improving the health of individuals and communities in the future.

Sincerely,

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Cathy H. Wu, Ph.D.
Unidel Edward G. Jefferson Chair in Engineering and Computer Science
Professor, Departments of Computer & Information Sciences and of Biological Sciences
Director, Data Science Institute



College of Health Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY
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October 6, 2018

Kathleen S. Matt, Ph.D.
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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Physiology, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

Students in the MPH and PhD program may be interested in taking courses in Kinesiology and Applied Physiology. Specifically, students may be interested in taking KAAP 609, which provides a foundation in concussion pathophysiology, epidemiology, and clinical issues, as one of their epidemiology content or elective courses.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program in our College.

Sincerely,

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John J. Jeka
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School of Public Policy & Administration

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October 19, 2018

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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the School of Public Policy and Administration, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences. The faculty voted to support this effort on October 19, 2018.

Students in PhD program may be interested in taking courses in the School of Public Policy and Administration. Specifically, we expect students to have the option to take UAPP 704 as a potential for another statistical course although other upper level methods course offered by SPPA could fulfill the requirement.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program in the College of Health Sciences.

Sincerely,

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Maria P. Aristigueta
Charles O. Messick Chair of Public Administration
Director, School of Public Policy and Administration



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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

These new degrees in the Epidemiology Program provide a number of opportunities for collaboration across our Colleges. The health of populations, which is the focus of epidemiology, is closely linked to the health of individuals, animals, and our environment. The program's focus on applied epidemiology compliments our research and engagement programs around One Health, disease response and food safety.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

Sincerely,

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Mark Rieger, Ph.D.
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College of Earth, Ocean,
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October 1, 2018

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Dear Dean Matt,

On behalf of the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences.

These new degrees in the Epidemiology Program provide a number of opportunities for collaboration across our Colleges. For example, many of the tools and methods that were developed by geographers, such as Geographic Information Systems, have become critical to epidemiologists studying associations between health and place. The global environment and earth and ocean systems clearly have a critical impact on the health of populations, sustainable development, and food and other environmental resources.

We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program.

Sincerely,

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Estella Atekwana
Dean, College of Earth, Ocean and Environment



October 1, 2018

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Dear Dean Matt,

Please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Master of Public Health and a Ph.D. in the new Department of Epidemiology in the College of Health Sciences.

We at the Disaster Research Center recognize the importance of the new Program in Epidemiology in the College of Health Sciences. We look forward to working collaboratively with students and faculty in Epidemiology on transdisciplinary topics related to the public health impacts of disasters and the methods used to better understand them.

Sincerely,

James Kendra
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To: Jennifer A. Horney, Professor and Director, Program in Epidemiology

From: Karen F. Parker, Professor and Department Chair 

October 8, 2018

Thank you for contacting the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice about your proposed Masters of Public Health (MPH) in the College of Health Sciences. As stated, the proposed Masters degree is a 42 credit professional degree that students will complete in 2 years. As a result, you see enrolled students having interest in a graduate statistics course offered in our graduate program, in an effort to fill their requirements. Specifically you request that SOCI605 (Data Collection and Analysis) be offered as an additional statistical elective that students can take as a part of their MPH plan.

This letter serves to notify you that the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice supports your request to have the SOCI605 course listed as an elective in your MPH program. If I can provide additional information, let me know. Best of luck to you on this exciting new graduate program.

Statistics Program

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October 25, 2018

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Dear Jen,

On behalf of the Department of Applied Economics and Statistics, please accept this letter of support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) and PhD in the new Epidemiology Program in the College of Health Sciences. According to your request, you sought an agreement for the following:

Students in the MPH and PhD program in epidemiology may be interested in taking courses in the Department of Applied Economics and Statistics. Specifically, we expect students to take STAT 608 and STAT 656 as part of their required core courses. In addition, advanced students may have the option to take STAT 611, Regression, STAT 674, Applied Database Management, and STAT 675 Logistic Regression to fulfill their one additional statistics course elective that is required as part of their degree plan. Additionally, students may be interested in enrolling in STAT 666 (Special Topics e.g., Math Review, Introduction to Statistical Software) courses to improve their basic skills in foundational concepts and the use of software.

We will accept your students into these courses and will make sure there is additional room for your program. There is a natural linkage between Statistics and Public Health and Epidemiology. We look forward to establishing additional linkages between students and faculty with this new program in the College of Health Sciences.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Chair



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October 25, 2018

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Dear Dr. Horney,

On behalf of the College of Health Sciences, please accept this letter of strong support for the Program Policy Statement for the establishment of a PhD in Epidemiology to be housed in the College of Health Sciences.

This new degree will train students to respond with top tier capabilities to emerging population health needs. This is an important area of need and we have been working closely with Delaware's Secretary for Health & Social Services to expand capabilities in the state. This program will help to inform decision-making and will be important and useful in analyzing large data sets which can be used for predictive analytics.

The College of Health Sciences will be pleased to provide the resources necessary to support this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen S. Matt'.

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