



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for the closure of the existing graduate field in Public Health Nutrition within the Master of Science in Community Health (M.Sc.C.H.), offered by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the closures of collaborative graduate programs and fields in existing graduate programs. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.iii*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for the closure of the existing graduate field in Public Health Nutrition within the Master of Science in Community Health (M.Sc.C.H.), offered by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. The graduate field in Public Health Nutrition within the M.Sc.C.H. has been replaced with an advanced standing option within the Community Nutrition field of the Masters of Public Health in Public Health Sciences. The course requirements for students in the advanced standing M.P.H. option are identical to the courses offered in the current M.Sc.C.H. field which was approved in May 2010.

The closure of the existing field in Public Health Nutrition within the M.Sc. C.H. is intended to reduce confusion and simplify program recruitment, admissions, and administration. As of February 2012, all students enrolled in the M.Sc.C.H. field in Public Health Nutrition have graduated or transferred to the M.P.H. Community Nutrition – Advanced Standing Program. As a consequence, no students are affected by the proposed closure.

This proposal was subject to consultation with the School of Graduate Studies and received final approval from the Graduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Medicine on 8 March 2012, in line with the Faculty's governance norms.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed closure of the existing graduate field in Public Health Nutrition within the Master of Science in Community Health (MScCH), offered by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health as described in the attached proposal dated February 24, 2012, be approved effective immediately.