

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council on Graduate Studies

**FROM:** Dr. John R. Storsved, Dean

**SUBJECT:** Executive Action

**DATE:** January 20, 2023

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Spring 2023

**REQUEST:** Add the major GPA option for admission to the MS in Health Promotion accelerated program. See attached.

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**Date:** December 9, 2022

**To:** Dr. John Storsved, Dean, College of Health & Human Services

**Request for Executive Action from:** Julie Dietz, Chair, Public Health and Nutrition

**The Department of Public Health and Nutrition Action Requested:** Change the requirements for admission to the Accelerated MS Program in Health Promotion to also allow students with a 3.75 major GPA or a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25

Rationale: Our experience with a similar change in the admission requirements to our Departmental Honors program has demonstrated that it is a viable and appropriate protocol. Students who change their major often have a CGPA which reflects their academic struggles early in their career. When they find a major they are passionate about and committed to, there is generally a commensurate improvement in their academic performance. Unfortunately, it is often difficult for their CGPA to mathematically recover. In these instances, the student's major GPA is a more accurate reflection of their academic capabilities.

### **Catalog Language Change: (marked up)**

Admission to the accelerated MS in Health Promotion requires that a student have completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit and have **either** a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 **or minimum major GPA of 3.75**. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of 15 hours of Public Health courses, including at least 6 hours at the 3000 level.

To apply for the accelerated MS in Health Promotion, applicants meeting the above requirements must submit a professional goals statement to the Graduate Coordinator and must also complete the Graduate School's Accelerated Program Application. Applicants will be screened by the Graduate Coordinator and the Undergraduate Academic Advisor, and those who meet the requirements will be asked to prepare a writing sample [directions provided by the Department]. The Graduate Selection committee will review the writing sample, and make a final decision about admission.

~~To remain in the Accelerated Graduate Program, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or a major GPA of 3.75 (depending on which they were admitted under), and all courses taken for graduate credit as Shared Coursework must be taken for a grade. Students who fall below these standards a 3.25 cumulative GPA will be removed from the Accelerated Graduate Program, and will have to apply to the MS Health Promotion graduate program as a traditional graduate student if they wish to pursue the graduate degree.~~

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