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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Council on Academic Affairs  
Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Dr. John R. Storsved, Dean

SUBJECT: Executive Action

DATE: October 13, 2022

Effective Date: Spring 2023

Request: Update the accelerated program for the M.S. in Health Promotion:

- Add PLS/PUBH 4783, PLS 4893, and PUBH 4770 to the list of optional shared courses for students in the accelerated program.
- Remove the limit on the number of 5000-level courses that undergraduate students can enroll in the accelerated program.

TO: Dean Storsved

FROM: Julie Dietz, Chair, Department of Public Health & Nutrition

SUBJECT: Executive Action

DATE: September 23, 2022

Effective Date: Spring 2023

**Request:** Update the accelerated program for the M.S. in Health Promotion to: Add to the list of optional shared courses for students in the Accelerated Master's Program.

Programmatic Revision

MS Health Promotion

Effective Date: Spring 2023

**Rationale:** This revision is intended to offer students in the Accelerated Master's Program more options for the 9 hours they share between degree programs.

**Revised Curriculum:** In an effort to challenge students who are interested, we will remove the limit on the number of 5000 level courses that students in the Accelerated Master's Program can enroll in as undergraduates and add more options for shared coursework.

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**Date approved by the department or school:** 9.8.22

**Date approved by the college curriculum committee:** Not Applicable

**Date approved by the Honors Council (*if this is an honors course*):** Not Applicable

**Date approved by CAA:** CGS: