

Curriculum Change Form

Part I

(Check one)	Department Name	Family and Consumer Sciences	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV)	College	Health Sciences	
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV)	*Course Prefix & Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid Course ("S," "W")	*Course Title (30 characters)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II)	*Program Title	Community Nutrition	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III)		(Major <u>x</u> , Option ___; Minor ___; or Certificate ___)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)	*Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.		
Proposal Approved by:	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
Departmental Committee	9/5/08	Graduate Council*	12/1/08
<i>Is this a SACS Substantive Change?</i>	Yes**** <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council on Academic Affairs	1/22/09
College Curriculum Committee	9/17/08	Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>	
General Education Committee*	NA	Faculty Senate**	
Teacher Education Committee*	NA	Board of Regents**	
		Council on Postsecondary Edu.***	NA
*If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.)			
**Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs			
***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program			
****If "yes", SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact ECU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.			

Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

A. 1. Specific action requested:

a. To change program admission requirements in the following manner:

- i. require a TOEFL minimum score of 580 (237 computerized) for Option 1* and Option 2**
- ii. require a verification statement from an American Dietetic Association (ADA) Didactic Program for Dietetics (DPD) for Option 2
- iii. require NFA201 – Essentials of Nutrition and NFA317 – Nutrition in the Life Cycle or department approval **for Option 1**

* Option 1 includes NFA 835, Community Nutrition Practicum, and does not lead to eligibility to sit for the Registered Dietitians' exam.

** Option 2 includes NFA 830 and NFA 831, is available only to students who have applied for and been accepted into the Dietetic Internship, and leads to eligibility to sit for the Registered Dietitians' exam.

b. To add two new required courses: PHE 800 - Research Methods in Health, Physical Education, Recreation; and HEA 810 - Human Behavior Change

c. To drop one required courses: EPY 869 - Research in Education.

d. To eliminate electives from the program of study – all courses will be required according to the requirements for each option

e. To **add** a new required course for Option 1: NFA 800 – Nutrition Topics

f. To **delete** a required course for Option 1: NFA 802 – Advanced Applications of the Nutrition Care Process

A. 2. Effective date: Fall 2009

A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students: (if applicable)

B. The justification for this action:

- a. i. Due to the need for graduates to be able to communicate effectively in community settings, we are adding a TOEFL requirement for international students for Option 1 and Option 2.
- a. ii. Because students who enroll in Option 2 will apply for a Dietetic Internship, we are requiring a verification statement from an American Dietetic Association (ADA) Didactic Program for Dietetics (DPD) for admission to Option 2.
- a. iii. Require NFA 201 – Essentials of Nutrition and NFA 317 – Nutrition in the Life Cycle, or departmental approval assures that all students in Option 1 have a basic understanding of nutrition and are better prepared to succeed in the required courses for that option.
- b. & c. By dropping prior required courses, and adding new required courses, specifically in research methodology and human behavior change, students will gain knowledge and skills that will improve their abilities to be both effective and successful in community health and nutrition settings.
- d. By replacing the core and elective courses with only required courses for each option, students will be able to consistently take courses in which the content is relevant to community health and nutrition.
- e. & f. By substituting NFA 800 – Nutrition Topics, for NFA 802 – Advanced Applications of the Nutrition Care Process, in Option 1, non-dietetics majors with related health science background will be able to enroll in this option without taking the advanced nutrition pre-requisites necessary for NFA 802. The proposed courses in Option 1 will, however, complement the knowledge and skills of non-dietetics majors and will provide them with skills necessary to develop and administer nutrition programs for all segments of the life cycle.

C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:

Personnel Impact: An increase of 10-12 students per year in two courses: one in the Exercise & Sport Science Dept. (PHE 800), and one in the Health Promotion & Administration Dept. (HEA 810). The potential addition of students to these courses has been pre-approved by the chairs of the respective departments.

Operating Expenses Impact: None

Equipment/Physical Facility Needs: None

Library Resources: None

Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program
MASTER OF SCIENCE
Community Nutrition
 Cip Code 19.0709

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum requirements for admission include 1) bachelor's degree; 2) minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0; and 3) minimum scores of 350 verbal and 350 quantitative on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) OR a minimum score of 400 on the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) AND a TOEFL minimum score of 580 (237 computerized) for all international students Option 1* and Option 2*. 4) NFA201 and NFA317 or department approval required *for Option 1*

Prerequisites — Applicants who have completed an undergraduate major in a discipline other than dietetics will be required to remediate designated deficiencies in undergraduate education. These requirements may be met while enrolled in the master's program. Students desiring to apply for an accredited Dietetic Internship must have a Verification Form from an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The components of the program include ~~(a) core courses,~~

~~(b) nutrition electives,~~ a program of required courses for each option, and ~~(c)~~ applied experiences in community nutrition. Students may enroll in one of two options:

Option 1 requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit, including NFA 835. Option 1 leads to a Master’s Degree in Community Nutrition.

Option 2 requires a minimum of 36 hours of graduate credit, including NFA 830 and NFA 831. Option 2 leads to a Master’s Degree in Community Nutrition and completion of an accredited Dietetic Internship. Students completing Option 2 are eligible to sit for the national Registration Examination for Dietitians to become a Registered Dietitian (RD).

The Dietetic Internship (DI) at ECU is a competitive, pre-select program. Students may apply to the Dietetic Internship after successful completion of 12 hours of course work and pending successful completion of ~~who have completed~~ 24 hours of graduate course work ~~(core courses and nutrition electives)~~ in the M.S. Community Nutrition program. ~~are eligible to apply for the DI program.~~ Specific application requirements and materials can be obtained from the Director of the Dietetic Internship program. Application to the DI does not guarantee admission. Students desiring to enroll in Option 2 are encouraged to review application requirements for the DI *before* beginning graduate study.

A student who is enrolled in Option 2 but is not accepted to the DI program, can (1) reapply to the DI in another year or (2) change to Option 1 and complete the Master’s Degree.

Required Core.....24 hours

All Options Core Courses15 21 hours
 NFA 709, 717, 802, 811, 820; EPY 869, HEA 810, 855, and PHE800

Option 1 Core requirement
NFA 800

Option 2 Core requirement
NFA 802

Nutrition Electives9 hours
 Choose from NFA 705, 707, 709, 717, 800, 801, 804, 816,
 825, 841, or other approved course.

Applied Experience.....6 – 12 hours
 Option 1*: NFA 835(6)6 hours
 Option 2**: NFA 830(6) and 831(6)12 hours

Total Hours:
Option 130 hours
Option 2.....36 hours

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