

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Associated Forms exist? No ▾ Initiator's Title Program Manager: Public Health Program
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Proposed effective term

Semester Fall ▾ Year 2016 ▾

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program ▾
Name of New or Existing Program Master of Public Health
Select Category Major ▾ Degree Type MPH
Select Action Revision ▾

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Form C for admissions requirements.docx](#)

Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Change in GPA of a 3.0 to required instead of preferred. We have found that students who are accepted into the program with less than a 3.0 are not as successful as the students who have a 3.0 or higher.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

[GPA requirement impact.docx](#)

Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

GPA requirement Public Health

Impact

The proposed change is to give the students an exact GPA. We have found that students who are accepted into the program with less than a 3.0 in their upper level major courses (300/400) are not as successful as the students who have a 3.0 or higher.

The changes would not require any additional resources from the UNM Libraries or IT since students completing the minor are already enrolled in another graduate program.

There will be no changes in faculty workload.

Current admissions requirements:

Admission Requirements

The program considers applicants who satisfy all admission requirements as follows:

1. B.S., B.A., or equivalent from an accredited U.S. institution or a recognized foreign institution.
2. G.P.A. of at least 3.0 is preferred, **or** 9 credit hours with G.P.A of 3.0 or better in public health-related graduate courses.
3. Undergraduate basic statistics course or graduate-level basic statistics course with a 3.0 or higher. M.D. and Ph.D. students who have received their accredited degrees from U.S. institutions are exempt from this requirement. All students must have recent (within five years) GRE scores with preferred verbal, quantitative and analytical writing scores around the 50th percentile, **or** MCAT with preferred total score of 22 and N in writing, **or** GMAT with preferred score of 500 and above. M.D. and Ph.D. applicants who received their degrees from a U.S. university are exempt from submitting the above test scores. Foreign medical graduates must be licensed to practice in the U.S. or must have received their degrees from an accredited U.S. institution to be exempt from the test scores requirement. Foreign applicants must take the TOEFL examination and score at least 550.
4. Foreign applicants must submit one of the following English proficiency tests:

	Paper Test	Computer Test	IBT
Graduate TOEFL	550	213	79-80
Graduate IELTS	7.0	7.0	7.0

The Cambridge test may also be accepted with a satisfactory score of "C" or better for graduate students.

Preference is given to students who have public health experience. Their experience may be in public health practice in a health department, community development, research, health education, health science, health promotion, or other health-related work. Experience may be paid or voluntary.

Students may transfer up to 17 credit hours with "B" or better to the program from other institutions or other non-degree or graduate programs within UNM. However, those credit hours cannot have been used to meet the requirements of another degree program.

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