

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Associated Forms exist? Yes

Proposed effective term

Semester Year

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program

Name of New or Existing Program

Select Category Degree Type

Select Action

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)

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)

The MCH certificate and minor will allow students to: (1) Develop the values needed to provide excellent MCH services; (2) Develop skills to evaluate community and individual needs, partner with communities and individuals in meaningful and equitable ways, and assist in creating authentic change to improve lives; (3) Gain specific MCH knowledge and learn how to integrate this knowledge into their specific field of practice; and (4) Develop and practice the skills needed to be an excellent MCH practitioner and/or researcher. It is important to note that no MCH programs exist in New Mexico despite having a significant MCH needs. The MCH Bureau, NM Department of Health, has seen a large turnover in its workforce and expects to see a continued trend in the next few years. New Mexico regularly ranks in the bottom (49th/50th out of 50) in child wellbeing according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data. New Mexicans face a number of MCH challenges including high rates of low birth weight babies, infant mortality, maternal mortality, a lack of medical providers, and the lack of access to services in rural and frontier communities. Having a trained MCH workforce in our New Mexico communities has the potential to reduce the negative impacts and improve the quality of lives for women, children, and families. Additional academic training in MCH issues is vital to the state in numerous ways, and this proposed certificate/minor will ensure that UNM is at the forefront of providing new training options for the state workforce. Thus, the certificate or minor in MCH is in line with UNM's mission by providing students with educational, research, and service opportunities in this area. The certificate or minor in MCH contributes to the mission of the Health Sciences Center by educating the maternal and child health workforce in the knowledge and skills needed to ensure all New Mexicans have access to quality MCH care in communities throughout the state.

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)

[MCH justification.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)

[MCH Executive Summary.docx](#)

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

[Approval Memo from Dr. Levi for undergraduate MCH Minor and Certificate Programs in COPH.pdf](#)