




# INDIANA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

School of Medicine

## Memo

To: Dr. Sherry Queener and the Graduate Affairs Committee

From:  Dr. Carole Kacius, MPH Program Director, Department of Public Health  
Dr. Gregory Wilson, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Public Health  
Dr. Marie Swanson, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Public Health

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Re: Change in Credit Requirements for Graduate Certificate in Public Health

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We are proposing that the credit hour requirement for the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Program be decreased from 18 to 15 credit hours.

Currently, our certificate requires the completion of the following 18 credit hours of curriculum requirements:

### Fall Courses

H501 US Health Care: Systems, Policies & Ethical Challenges (3 credits)

H517 Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 credits)

~~\*P501 Issues in Public Health Seminar (1 credit)~~

### Spring Courses

G651 Biostatistics (3 credits)

H500 Philosophy/Principles of Health Education (3 credits)

~~\*P502 Issues in Public Health Seminar (1 credit)~~

### Summer Courses

H519 Environmental Health (3 credits)

~~\*P503 Community Project (1 credit)~~

~~\*Indicates the 3 credits that will be eliminated from curriculum starting in the fall of 2009.~~

The faculty would like to decrease the credit hours for the following reasons:

1. The 3 credit hours (P501, P502, and P503) will be eliminated from our MPH Program and will no longer be offered in the department starting in the fall of 2009.
2. Other graduate certificate programs in public health do not require these 3 credits.
3. Students would be able to complete the graduate certificate in public health in two semesters instead of three semesters, making it more attractive to potential students.

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal. Please let us know how we should proceed by contacting Carole Kacius ([Kacius@iupui.edu](mailto:Kacius@iupui.edu); 317-274-3847) or Shawne Mathis ([snmathis@iupui.edu](mailto:snmathis@iupui.edu); 317-278-0337).