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September 25, 2014

Professor Iva Obrusnikova
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Dear Professor Obrusnikova,

I have reviewed the materials you sent me regarding the proposed Health Behavior Science concentration entitled Health Professions and Disability Studies. I am writing to express my strong support for this program. The courses in chemistry and biochemistry that you list (CHEM 103-104 in particular) are appropriate for this concentration, and our department is able to accommodate the anticipated enrollment. Please accept my best wishes for success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Murray V. Johnston".

Murray V. Johnston
Professor and Chair
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

From: Laura Eisenman eisenman@udel.edu
Subject: Support for Health & Disability Concentration
Date: September 29, 2014 at 4:09 PM
To: Iva Obrusnikova obrusnik@udel.edu

Iva,

In my role as faculty coordinator for the Disabilities Studies Minor, I am writing to express support for the proposed Health & Disability (HD) concentration in the Health Behavior Science major. The HD concentration is complementary to and does not duplicate the Disabilities Studies (DIST) Minor. It appears that students could easily fit the DIST minor into their program of study if they chose to do so.

As indicated in the proposal there is the potential for students to use at least 6 credits of coursework toward the HD concentration and the DIST minor. This would occur in the HD concentration Group 1 and Group 2 electives. Many of the courses in the Group 1 electives also fulfill the 3 credit Human Development topic area elective in the DIST minor. HD concentrators would take 2 of these courses and use 1 toward the DIST minor electives. Among the HD concentration Group 2 electives there are two required DIST minor courses (EDUC 230, HDFS 270) and several that would fulfill the the DIST minor's Service Delivery (3 credits) or Social Systems (3 credits) electives. One of the Group 2 electives could be counted toward both the HD concentration and the DIST minor; others solely to the minor. Some of the HD concentration required courses (or their pre-requisites) also could serve as an elective in the DIST minor. This would account for 9-12 of the 18 DIST minor credits. Under the new proposal, students in the HBS-HD concentration would continue to have sufficient remaining space (up to 21 credits) in their degree program that could be used to complete remaining requirements of the DIST minor or other minors they might choose.

The DIST minor has enrolled increasing numbers of students from the College of Health Sciences in the last few years. I believe the addition of a Health & Disability concentration to the Health Behavior Sciences major would provide a strong academic pathway for students who have interests in health and disability issues. Coupled with the DIST minor, which provides an interdisciplinary introduction to disability issues across the lifespan and life domains, students would be well-prepared for graduate programs and future careers working with people who have disabilities.

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From: **Ferretti, Ralph P** ferretti@udel.edu
Subject: SOE SUPPORT FOR HEALTH AND DISABILITY CONCENTRATION
Date: September 23, 2014 at 5:45 PM
To: Obrusnikova, Iva obrusnik@udel.edu
Cc: Eisenman, Laura T eisenman@udel.edu, Glass, Laura Simmering lglass@udel.edu

Dear Iva,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for your proposal to create a concentration in Health & Disability within the Health Behavior Science major, and more specifically, to include EDUC 230 and EDUC 414 as electives in the concentration. My colleagues in special education reviewed your proposal, and concluded that it will ensure that the students in the concentration will be well prepared to promote active and healthy lifestyles of people with disabilities. I fully agree with my colleagues' assessment.

Please write or call if I can do anything to support your proposal.

Ralph

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Dear Iva,

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies is pleased to have you include the following courses in your proposal for a new concentration in Health and Disability:

HDFS 201	3	Life Span Development
HDFS 270	3	Families and Developmental Disabilities
HDFS 403	3	Adult Disability Issues
HDFS 470	3	Families and Children At Risk
HDFS 230	3	Families and Communities
HDFS 402	3	Child and Family Policy (permission of instructor granted for CHS students)

Please let me know if you should have questions about any of these courses. Best of luck with the new concentration.



Rena A. Hallam

Interim Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies

From: Quinci, Carolyn E cquinci@udel.edu
Subject: RE: Concentration in Health and Disability Studies
Date: September 23, 2014 at 12:58 PM
To: Obrusnikova, Iva obrusnik@udel.edu

Hi Iva,

I am happy to support counting HLTH 241 as one option for Group 2 concentration restricted electives.

I took a look at the entire proposal and just wanted to make sure that you were aware that major requirements could also fulfill University Breadth requirements. You note next to the Math, Natural Science, and Technology section that concentration core requirements could fulfill this - but there is no similar notation for the Social and Behavioral Science requirement - PSYC 100, BHAN 155, the SOCI course - all could fulfill this requirement. Just FYI.

Best,
Carolyn

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From: Iva Obrusnikova [obrusnik@udel.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Quinci, Carolyn E
Subject: Re: Concentration in Health and Disability Studies

Dear Carolyn,

The Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition in the College of Health Sciences would like to start a new concentration entitled "Health and Disability." This concentration would provide students in the Health Behavior Science with an in-depth and more structured study of health and disability, so that they are better prepared to assess the needs and develop, implement, and evaluate appropriate programs and interventions for individuals with disabilities.

We proposed this concentration to the Senate last year and you/your department supported the inclusion of **HLTH 241** in the concentration's restricted electives (see the correspondence below).

The Senate did not approve the concentration due to a few minor concerns. The most important concern they had was to change the title from *Health and Disability Studies* to *Health and Disability* since there is already a minor called Disability Studies minor. The other concerns were minor and rather editorial. After the concerns were addressed, we decided to resubmit the application this year. To have the best chance at getting the proposal approved, **we kindly request that you send us an updated letter of support** or just answer to this email confirming that your support carries over to this year. The revised proposal is attached to the email. All revisions are tracked.



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September 26, 2014

Iva Obrusnikova, Ph.D., CAPE
Behavioral Health & Nutrition

Dear Iva,

This letter is to confirm that KAAP supports the BHAN proposal being advanced for a new "Health and Disability Minor. As noted, students that enroll in this minor will need to take several KAAP courses including KAAP 301, 309, 310, and 428.

Please note that we are near capacity in the 309/310 courses, so we will need to work with the Dean's office to secure additional resources if this new influx of students overwhelms our current capacity. Depending on the numbers of students, this may be involve another lab TA, and possibly resources for additional supplies and teaching materials. I don't foresee a problem though. With regard to KAAP 301 and 428, we will work with BHAN to reserve some seats each semester so your students are accommodated.

Best of luck moving this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Farquhar".

William B. Farquhar
Professor and Chair

College of Health Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

September 24, 2014

Dear Dr. Obrusnikova,

This letter serves to indicate the Nutrition Program's support of the inclusion of NTDT 305 Nutrition in the Lifespan and NTDT 410 Overweight/Obesity Prevention and Management in the Health Behavior Sciences with a concentration in Health and Disability curriculum. There is currently room in these courses for the students.

This concentration meets the interest of Health Behavior Science majors who wish to pursue entrance to graduate school and employment in health and disability fields and the department supports this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sandra Baker, EdD, RD
Assistant Chair
Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition

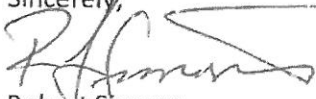
September 23, 2014

Iva Obrusnikova
Dept of Behavioral health and Nutrition
College of Health Sciences

Dear Dr. Obrusnikova,

The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences supports the inclusion of PSYC325 and PSYC334 in the restricted electives of a proposed new concentration entitled "Health and Disability." We are happy to participate.

Sincerely,



Robert Simons
Professor of Psychology
Chair, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

From: Awokuse, Titus O kuse@udel.edu
Subject: Re: Letter of support for STAT200
Date: September 25, 2014 at 5:31 PM
To: Obrusnikova, Iva obrusnik@udel.edu

As APEC's Dept. Chair, I support the use of our course STAT 200 in the concentration's restricted electives for your proposed program as stated in your proposal.

Thanks,

Titus.

Titus O. Awokuse
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From: Iva Obrusnikova <obrusnik@udel.edu>
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 10:25 AM
To: kuse <kuse@udel.edu>
Subject: Re: Letter of support for STAT200

supported the inclusion of **STAT 200** in the concentration's restricted electives (see the correspondence below).