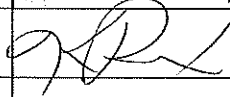
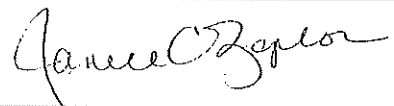
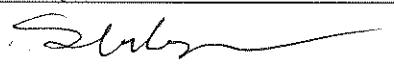


College of Public Health Curriculum Approval Tracking Form

Item	Type		Delivery		
	New	Revised	Online*	Blended	Live
Course					
Concentration	X			X	
Certificate					
Program/Degree					

*If you are creating a new online component or making a substantive change that moves an on campus component to online you must complete the justification statement below.

Justification statement: We are proposing adding a second concentration to the DrPH program, which is already a blended program (mostly online, plus three on-campus institutes). We will be adding four new concentration courses, two of which are online, and two of which will be blended, with on-campus Institute components. This concentration is needed for the national training of public health lab directors, potentially leading to their national certification as a High Complexity Lab Director (HCLD).

Date	Action	Signature
11-6-17	Approved by Associate Dean of Academics	
	Approved by Chair of Department Curriculum Committee	
11/2/17	Approved by Chair of Department	
11/2/17	Approved by Chair of COPH Curriculum Committee	
	Sent to USF Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee	

Comments: _____

Curriculum Committee will not act on any proposal without this form attached. The COPH Academic and Student Affairs team will make the appropriate copies and electronically deliver the documents to USF Graduate Studies. At that time the documents will be entered into Share Point and tracked electronically.



Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.): Name of Major (e.g. Biology) Name of affected Concentration(s) (e.g. Botany) Proposed Effective Term (e.g Fall 2017) Faculty Contact Email	51.2201 DrPH Public Health Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Science and Practice Fall 2018 Jill Roberts jroberts@health.usf.edu
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Janice Zgibor	<i>[Signature: Erin Daley For Dr. Zgibor]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	11/2/17
School Committee Chair (if applicable)	n/a		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Committee Chair	Steve Mlynarek	<i>[Signature: Steve Mlynarek]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	11/2/17
College Dean/ Associate Dean	Kay Perrin	<i>[Signature: Kay Perrin]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	11-6-17
Concurrence*	Dept: n/a Chair:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Concurs <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Graduate Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:

Admissions Section:

- Admission Deadlines
- To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements (

Curriculum Requirements

- Current Curriculum Requirements
 - Core
 - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Thesis/Dissertation
 - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam
- Other: _____

UPDATE CATALOG COPY

Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes.

If the only change is to the Admission Deadline revised Catalog Copy is not required– just specify the change below (e.g. current deadline/new deadline). All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email cdh@usf.edu.

Submission for approval: When submitting the request for approval, send a scan of the signature form, including the brief response section (page 2), and the updated Catalog Copy in Word (not in PDF).

Degree: DrPH Major: Public Health

Concentration (if applicable): Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Science and Practice

BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Why are these changes necessary?

We are proposing a second concentration for the DrPH degree, Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Science and Practice, because there is a shortage nationwide of public health laboratory directors that are certified HCLD (High-complexity Clinical Laboratory Director). Certification is achieved by laboratory directors through obtaining a doctorate, taking sufficient laboratory coursework, and passing a certification exam.

A 2011 national workforce survey found that a quarter of existing public health laboratories directors would retire within five years, so the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed competency guidelines for advanced doctoral training of public health laboratory directors, and the CDC is providing financial scholarships for doctoral-level training.

In response, the USF College of Public Health faculty began working with a committee of APHL members who are certified HCLD directors to propose a DrPH concentration to meet this critical national public health need. The USF DrPH is a blended distance learning degree program, with coursework primarily online, plus three on-campus institutes that students must attend; this new DrPH concentration would allow current public health lab directors to complete their doctorate while remaining in their positions. Applicants must be employed in a health laboratory so that they can carry out tasks and projects in that environment while engaged in their coursework.

FOR ANY NEW CURRICULUM (New Concentration, Track, Specialization, Grad Certificate, etc.), answer the following:

2. How does this align with USF System and State University System strategic goals (with particular focus on BOG's "areas of strategic emphasis")?

The mission of the DrPH degree is to prepare practitioners for leadership and advocacy in public health practice through an evidence-based, interdisciplinary approach to understanding and solving public health problems in public and private sectors in the U.S. and worldwide. The new concentration in Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Science and Practice would fulfill this mission by training public health lab directors in the competencies they need to sit for certification as High-complexity Clinical Laboratory Directors (HCLD).

This mission aligns with the USF and SUS strategic goals to build a critical workforce in the health professions, through transformational learning that develops applied skills and produces community-engaged outcomes, in order to change lives for the better, improve health, and foster positive societal change.

3. What is the demonstrated need and demand? (in the context of statewide and regional enrollment/degree productivity, including USF institutions, SUS, and FSC), making compelling reasons for "necessary duplication," if appropriate.

The USF DrPH is the only distance learning accredited DrPH degree program in the Florida state university system, with coursework primarily online, plus three on-campus institutes that students must attend. For this reason, it is a critical program for training the existing public health workforce while allowing them to continue in their public health positions. Since its inception, the DrPH degree program at USF has demonstrated a strong demand by students who continue to work in public health across the state and region while pursuing their studies.

Because of the involvement of the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) in designing the new concentration, word has spread nationally, and lab directors across the country who are seeking HCLD certification have contacted us for information. Because this is a distance learning program, applicants must be employed in a health laboratory so they can carry out tasks and projects in that environment while engaged in their coursework. This would be the only national program of its kind.

4. What is the potential impact of new degree programs and new program majors on existing programs in the USF System? *(Including new concentrations, tracks, specializations, etc.- if there are any existing offers, please address impact)*

This new proposed concentration is unlike any existing degree or concentration in the USF System, so it should not impact enrollment in any other degree. Rather, this will attract doctoral students throughout the nation to USF who would not otherwise be attending this university.

5. Are there adequacy of resources (faculty, space, equipment, graduate assistants, staff, library etc. – the leveraging of shared resources across and between institutions will be important). Programs will not be considered contingent upon legislative budget requests

There are sufficient resources in the College of Public Health because of existing support from administrative staff for doctoral degrees, and the current involvement of credentialed faculty from all departments in the college-wide DrPH degree program. This includes the College of Public Health faculty who work in the biological sciences and in public health laboratories on the USF campus, who would be directly involved in delivering this concentration.

6. Quality assurance and commitment to any requisite accreditation.

The DrPH degree is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accrediting organization. This new concentration meets both the CEPH competency standards and the APHL competency standards.

Once College has approved, scan and email this Approval Form, and the revised Catalog Copy in Word to Graduate Studies by the deadline posted online <http://www.grad.usf.edu/graduate-council.php> . For questions, contact cdh@usf.edu