

University of Minnesota Board of Regents
Mission Fulfillment Committee
September 9, 2022
Public Review Consent Report: Academic Program Changes

I. Request for Approval of New Academic Programs

Medical School (Twin Cities Campus)— requests approval to create a fellowship in Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine (CTRM), effective June 2023. The CTRM fellowship is a one-year program that provides training for one fellow per year geared toward excellence in clinical services and adoption of innovative approaches to commonly encountered clinical problems. The University is a leader in CTRM as well as Laboratory Medicine/Pathology and Transfusion Medicine, with the latter already having well-established fellowship programs. As this field grows, there is a clear need to provide additional training through graduate medical education with only a few established programs in the nation. There has been an increase in the number of resident applications with dedication to this field over the last few years. Trainees will be eligible for this fellowship upon successful completion of an accredited Clinical Pathology or Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency program. Training for this program will primarily take place at the University of Minnesota Medical Center and has financial support through Laboratory Medicine and Pathology departmental funds.

Crookston Campus—requests approval to create the NXT GEN AG undergraduate Certificate, effective spring 2023. The program is tailored to returning adult learners to help them to advance in their careers, engage with their communities, and persist in further post-secondary education. This is a stackable certificate that can be applied toward a Bachelor of Science degree and that integrates teaching, research, and community engagement related to rural communities. A needs assessment indicated that there is a significant need in rural communities to develop leadership and social capital development for sustaining the economic needs of the rural regions. This program will be targeted toward adult returning learners in rural Minnesota with a goal to recruit 40 new students within the first year of delivery, and the same or additional prospects in following years. This certificate addresses the University’s commitment to partner with communities to find customizable educational paths that fit learner and community needs. Funding has been secured to support recruitment and student advising, and various grants are in progress to support long-term sustainability. This is an interdisciplinary program intended to align with the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, and it will be delivered in an online modality.

II. Request for Approval of Changed Academic Programs

College of Education and Human Development (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to add a completely online delivery modality option in the PK-12 Administration Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2022. The post-baccalaureate certificate will be offered in both classroom and online delivery formats.

College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to add a completely online delivery modality option undergraduate Horticulture minor, spring 2023. The minor will be offered in both classroom and online delivery formats, making it more accessible to a larger community of students.

College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to add a completely and partially online delivery modality option undergraduate Insect Science minor, spring 2023. The minor will be offered in classroom, partially online, and completely online delivery formats, making it more accessible to a larger community of students.

College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities Campus) — requests approval to discontinue the subplan options in the Global Health Studies Bachelor of Arts degree, effective fall 2022. This proposed revision will provide a more coherent intellectual experience for students rooted in interdisciplinary methodologies and innovative pedagogy.

College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities Campus) — requests approval to change the name of the undergraduate minor in Mass Communication to Media and Information Studies, effective fall 2022. The proposed name change reflects current curricular alignment.

College of Science and Engineering (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to discontinue the business and management, product design, and interdisciplinary design subplans in the Computer Engineering B. Comp E. and Electrical Engineering B.E.E. degree programs, effective fall 2022. Interested students will continue to be encouraged to pursue the existing undergraduate minor programs related to these subplans.

College of Pharmacy (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to change the academic and administrative home of the Center for Allied Health Programs (CAHP) degree programs from Academic Health Sciences to the College of Pharmacy (CoP), effective fall 2023. As part of this integration, the CoP will become the degree-granting, academic authority for the following degree programs: Medical Laboratory Sciences Certificate (MLS-Cert), Medical Laboratory Sciences Bachelor of Science (MLS-BS), Medical Laboratory Sciences Professional Master of Science (MMLS), Master of Science in Biomedical Laboratory Science (MS BLS), and the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ODT). The actions/steps taken as part of the integration create improved structural alignment to support the mission of the CAHP in

training and educating allied healthcare professionals in order to meet workforce needs and demands. The change aligns degree programs and related faculty and staff within an appropriate school or college, providing the academic and administrative supports for success. The CoP will consider all members of CAHP as members of the CoP, providing the infrastructure and support to ensure the quality, rigor, and integrity of the academic programs and student experiences.

III. Request for Approval to Discontinue Academic Programs

College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Risk Analysis for Introduced Species and Genotypes graduate minor, effective spring 2023. The discontinuation is due to the lack of financial resources available to sustain the minor, and lack of interest. There have been no new students since 2011 and the most recent student completed their degree in 2017.

College of Veterinary Medicine (Twin Cities Campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Integrated Food Systems Leadership Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective spring 2023. COVID, a challenging food sector economy, and changes in digital advertising had adverse impacts on recruitment efforts, resulting in low application rates and low course enrollments.