

Academic Program Approval

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Action: Change name of major in Department of Individual & Family Studies

Effective term: 05F

Current degree: B. S.

Proposed change leads to the degree of: no change

Proposed name: Undergraduate Major: Human Services

Revising : Undergraduate major: Family and Community Services

List program changes for curriculum revisions:

Name change only.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum:

No new courses required.

Other affected units:

No other units will be directly affected by this name change.

Rationale:

Name of major change: The name of the major, Family and Community Services, is being changed to Human Services because the name, Human Services, has much greater visibility in the field and in career service applications. It is the name used by certifying agencies including the accrediting association that has approved the FCS program following its external review. It is the name used in the articulation agreement with Delaware Technical and Community College. It is also prominent in the name of our college, though to date, no program or department in CHEP is designated Human Services. It is our belief that the new name would reduce confusion among enrolling students, improve visibility in the community, enhance recruitment yield by connecting with area secondary schools (some of which have coursework in Human Services). Moreover the name is consistent with the applied nature of our department and college.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the present curriculum.)

This proposal is for a name of major change only. **Please note that revisions to both concentrations of the major are being submitted concurrently. These changes include a name change of the currently named "Human Services Concentration" to "Clinical Services Concentration." Therefore, the new name of the major will be distinct from the names of the concentrations, assuming that the proposal for concentration revision is approved.**

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