GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Graduate Council NEW Certificate, Concentration, Track or Degree Program
Coordination/Approval Form

(Please complete this form and attach any related materials. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council Meeting. If no coordination with other units is required, simply indicate “None” on the form.

Title: Master of Health Sciences with Concentration in International Health
Level: Master of Health Science
Please Indicate: New Concentration

Description of certificate, concentration or degree program:
Please attach a description of the new certificate or concentration. Attach Course Inventory Forms for each new or modified course included in the program. For new degree programs, please attach the SCHEV Program Proposal submission.

Contact person: Farrokh Alemi, Ph.D.

Approval from other units:

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by this new program. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

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Graduate Council approval: ______________ Date: ____________

Graduate Council representative: ______________ Date: ____________

Provost Office representative: ______________ Date: ____________
Catalog Description

Graduates are expected to work in United States international organizations with a focus on health care or manage health care organizations operating in third world countries. Students learn about international issues related to management of health care including demographic patterns, disease burdens, cultural basis of disease, international policies affecting health care, and political economy of health and development.

2. Justification

The current Certificate in International Healthcare [http://cnhs.gmu.edu/graduate/gradcpih.html](http://cnhs.gmu.edu/graduate/gradcpih.html) has attracted students who wish to focus on international health care management issues. Growth of US International firms focus on health care as well as growing need for managers who can organize and deliver health care programs in third world countries has increased the demand for graduates in International Health.

3. Relationship to Current Programs

The Master of Science in Health Science was approved last year and is being offered by the College. In addition, for sometime we have been offering a Certificate in International Health. This proposal allows the courses in the Certificate to be a concentration area for the Master of Science in Health Science.

4. Resource Requirements

No new faculty is needed until the program grows. Any new faculty needed at a later point in time will be funded from enrollment. Money is requested for 1/3 time staff to support student enrollment and program marketing.

5. Admission Requirements

A bachelor degree from GMU or other accredited institution of higher education in a discipline related to health science or statistics with a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits is required. Such fields include, but are not limited to biology, biostatistics, health science, mathematics, nursing, psychology and statistics. Applications to the program are made through the College of Nursing & Health Science.

6. Program Requirements

To graduate, students need to complete 36-39 credits, 12 of which are Health Science Core, 12-15 credits (depending on work experience) are required International Health courses, and the remainder are selected from a list of approved electives within International Health courses.
HEALTH SCIENCE CORE (Minimum of 12 Credits)

PUAD 620 Organizational Behavior (3)
HSCI 701 Quantitative Decision Making (3)
NURS 660 Ethics of Health Care (3)
HSCI 712 Health Services Research (3)

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REQUIRED COURSES (12-15 Credits)

NURS 543/HSCI 543 - Global Health: Trends & Policy (3)
NURS 583 - Food and Culture: Bio-cultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition (3)
ANTH 631 - Refugees in Contemporary Society (3)
HSCI 699 - International Health Care Practicum (3-6 credits depending on prior work experience)

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH APPROVED ELECTIVES ( Select 12 credits)

NURS 578 - Cultural Competence and Diversity in Health Care (3)
SOCI 523 - Racial and Ethnic Relations: American and Global Perspectives (3)
NURS 577 - Comparative Health Care Systems in the World (3)
HSCI 530/NURS 534 - Nutrition: A Global Perspective (3)
CONF 501 - Intro to Conflict (3)
CONF 709 - War, Violence and Conflict (3)
CONF 720 - Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Conflict Resolution
GEOG 553 - Issues in Regional Geography (3)
GEOG 581 - World Food and Population

7. Approval History

        CNHS Graduate Committee  Date: November 2003
        CNHS Faculty:              Date: February 2004

8. Effective Date
        The degree will commence in the fall semester, 2004.

9. Course descriptions

Descriptions of courses offered by College of Nursing and Health Science are available online at http://cnhs.gmu.edu/coursedescriptions/index.html. Other courses can be found at http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/courses/