

**FORM 4**

(Please retain the small font prompts for submission to the Board of Undergraduate Studies and Board of Graduate Studies.)

## **Proposal to Amend Title of Paper, Prescriptions, Prerequisites, Restrictions or Points Value**

**Name of Division/School/Department**

Departments of Public Health, Preventative and Social Medicine and Population Health; Division of Health Sciences

**Calendar/Guide to Enrolment References** (page numbers)

Page 546, 564, 576

**Subject Code, Number, Title**

PUBH 732 – Prevention and Control of Disease in Populations

**Year of Introduction (Year Proposal Takes Effect)**

2020

*Please note: If the amendments you wish to make have **already been** dealt with in Form 1 or Form 3 do not fill out Form 4. Also please note that if you are making a series of related amendments e.g. changing prescriptions of a number of related papers, please include all the amendments on the one proposal form rather than filling out a separate form for each.*

*Deadlines for Proposals*

- a) *For proposals for introduction in the following year and to ensure their inclusion in the Guide to Enrolment:*
- *the March meetings of the Divisional Boards;*
  - *April meetings of the Board of Undergraduate Studies and the Board of Graduate Studies;*
  - *April Senate*
- b) *Final deadline for proposals for the following academic year:*
- *the May meetings of the Divisional Boards;*
  - *June meetings of the Board of Undergraduate Studies and the Board of Graduate Studies;*
  - *June Senate.*

### **Purpose of Proposal**

(A succinct description of the purpose of the proposal including any consequential amendments such as deletions of papers and amendments to schedules)

To change the name of PUBH 732 from ‘Prevention and Control of Disease’ to ‘Using Epidemiology in Public Health Practice’.

### **Qualifications Affected**

(Major qualifications for which paper(s) will be offered)

Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health (PGCertPH)

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (DPH)

Master of Public Health (MPH)

### **Justification for Proposal**

(State reasons for amendment/s including, where appropriate, evidence of student demand. You should include a statement as to the effect on the overall programme to which the paper belongs if appropriate. Where the point value of a paper is altered, information should be supplied about the revised “Workload Expectations”, “Proposed Timetable” and “Assessment Procedures” (please refer to the “Workload Expectations”, “Proposed Timetable” and “Assessment Procedures” sections of Form 3 or Form 6 for the information that is required). Please note that if amendments to an existing paper constitute a change of 25% or more to the content of the paper (or a 25% or more change to the points value of a paper), a Form 3 Proposal for a New Paper would be required.)

The current paper title is somewhat vague and non-specific and in particular does not reflect the strong quantitative epidemiology focus of this paper, potentially creating confusion for prospective students.

The first sentence of the paper description in the current DPH prospectus states – “*This paper introduces students to how epidemiology can be applied to prevent and control disease in populations.*” The paper includes sessions encompassing the applications of epidemiological methods to a variety of areas of public health practice, including measuring population health, assessing health needs, screening, outbreak investigations and evaluation of public health interventions. A title that makes clear to prospective students the epidemiological focus of the paper is therefore more appropriate than the current title.

This change to the title has no significant implications for the DPH Programme. We note that PUBH 732 is already included in the endorsed epidemiology option papers, further justifying the change of title.

### **Old Title/Point Value/Prescription/Prerequisites/Restrictions**

(In *Guide to Enrolment* format. Please provide *Guide to Enrolment* year and page numbers.)

*From Guide to Enrolment 2018, pg 192*

PUBH 732    Prevention and Control of Disease in Populations  
 N1                      0.125 EFTS                      OL, OC                      15 points  
 Summarising the health of a population, methods to monitor and prevent disease in populations and the evaluation of public health approaches to controlling disease.  
 R      PUBH 701  
 LT     MA, MHealSc, MPH, DPH, PGDipArts, PGDipHealSc, PGCertPH  
 L      Dunedin, Wellington, Christchurch

### **Proposed Title/Point Value/Prescription/Prerequisites/Restrictions**

(In *Guide to Enrolment* format. Please provide *Guide to Enrolment* year and page numbers. Note: The description of content should be no longer than 30 words. Refer to the *Important Notes for Completing Forms* for guidance on titles, prescriptions, prerequisites etc.)

PUBH 732    Using Epidemiology in Public Health Practice  
 N1                      0.125 EFTS                      OL, OC                      15 points  
 Summarising the health of a population, methods to monitor and prevent disease in populations and the evaluation of public health approaches to controlling disease.  
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### **Consequential Amendments to Regulations or Schedules**

(All changes to regulations and schedules as a result of making this change must be detailed below. This includes changes that will need to be made to Schedules, including Schedules A, B and C. Include Calendar page numbers. Changes to the Programme Information in the *Guide to Enrolment* are not required. Consequential deletion(s) of papers must also be reported here in which case a separate Form 5, proposal to delete a paper, does not need to be completed.)

None

## **Implications**

(Describe any academic, administrative and resource implications of this amendment)

None

## **Transitional Arrangements**

(Are there any transitional arrangements necessary as a result of amending the paper(s)? If necessary, special arrangements must be specified for students who are part-way through programmes who would otherwise be disadvantaged, e.g. by changes to prerequisites or the redistribution of course content amongst a number of papers.)

No

## **Consultation with Professions/Other Departments/Other Divisions**

(Please indicate any consultation undertaken with other departments, Divisions or students.)

Consultation between the convenors of PUBH732 in each centre (ie. Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin). Approved by the Board of Studies for Postgraduate Education in Public Health.

## **Staff Member Responsible for Drafting Proposal**

(Please give the name and contact details of the staff member who drafted the proposal if different from the Head of Department)

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