



The University of Georgia

College of Public Health
Department of Health Promotion and Behavior

TO: Fiona Liken

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RE: HPRB Deactivation of Undergraduate "School Health" Emphasis

The department of Health Promotion and Behavior requests to "deactivate" the Area of Emphasis in school health education (towards teacher certification) within the major in Health Promotion and Education (B.S. Ed.). The HPRB department voted unanimously to this deactivation.

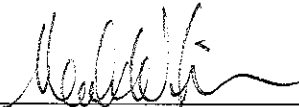
Through the years, the school health education emphasis has enrolled only about ten percent or less of the HPRB students. The employment climate for these students has been minimal, at best, with school systems typically seeking individuals with the "dual" health and physical education certificate (to teach both subjects) and perhaps to coach interscholastic sports programs. With this preference (slow to join or afford more progressive systems' hiring health education specialists), it has been increasingly difficult to place students for employment after graduation. The resources for teaching the classes, coordination and supervision of practicum experiences and student teaching could be better utilized toward other program needs, at this time.

Our hope, is that someday school health as a discipline, taught by health specialists (vs. minimal preparation of the dual certificate program) will become a more viable public health venue toward the prevention of the many health concerns facing youth and society at large. If that action is promoted and supported, our department would be encouraged to reactivate the school health option.

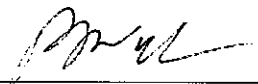
Most of our HPRB students would not be affected by this deactivation. We currently have only six students that we would complete through this emphasis by next spring, 2006. We seek this deactivation to be effective immediately or as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me at 2-4369 or dmhayes@uga.edu or Mark Wilson (Dept. Head) at 2- 4364 or mwilson@uga.edu should you require more information.

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Approved 3/21/05
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