



UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

11/16/10

Charles A. Wight, PhD  
Dean, The Graduate School  
302 Park Building  
201 South Presidents Circle  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Dear Dean Wight,

As outlined in the attached document, the Department of Pharmacotherapy is requesting that the departmental MS degree in Pharmacotherapy be changed to MS degree in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy to match our officially approved (April 2010) PhD program, which offers a PhD in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Academic Program Coordinator, Sara Ray. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Brixner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diana Brixner, RPh, PhD  
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Department of Pharmacotherapy  
Executive Director Outcomes Research Center  
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**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**  
**NAME CHANGES OF PROGRAMS OR ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS**

Name changes of existing programs or administrative units are approved by the Graduate Council and subsequently by the Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees. Name changes are sent as information items to the Board of Regents.

To submit a request for name change, complete the following information (on a separate sheet) and submit to David Chapman, Dean of the Graduate School, 310 Park Building. The request will be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council, which meets monthly during the academic year.

**1. Request - Briefly describe the change.**

The Department of Pharmacotherapy requests that the name of the MS degree in Pharmacotherapy be changed to an MS degree in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy. On April 1, 2010 the Board of Regents approved our proposed PhD in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy program. We are now requesting that the MS program in the Department be changed to show consistency with the PhD program: MS in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy.

**2. Need - Refer to your program mission. Indicate why the change is justified. Reference need or demand data if appropriate.**

The primary reason for this change is to make consistent the name of the MS degree program and the name of the PhD degree program. While the mission of this MS program remains unchanged, the new name better reflects the academic discipline.

**3. Institutional Impact - Will the proposed recommendation affect enrollments the proposed recommendations affect existing administrative structures? What (new) faculty, physical facilities or equipment will be impacted?**

There should be little, if any, institutional impact. Physical facility and equipment requirements remain unchanged.

**4. Costs - What costs are anticipated? Describe any budgetary impact, including cost savings, on other programs or units within the institution.**

At this time, the only anticipated costs include printing of revised brochures, which is minimal.

**5. Practice Elsewhere - Cite trends in the discipline. Provide a summary or compilation of names used in peer institutions.**

It is generally accepted and expected that an MS and PhD offered in the same discipline and the same program from one department have the same name.

**6. Changes, if any, in precise names of degrees offered.**

Change name of MS degree in Pharmacotherapy to MS degree in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy.

**7. Changes, if any, in catalog prefix descriptions, course designations, etc.**

PCTH is the current catalog prefix; no changes will be made to the catalog prefix.

**SIGNATURE PAGE TO ACCOMPANY PROPOSALS PROVIDING BOARD NOTIFICATION.** This signature page, with all appropriate signatures included, must be attached to proposals submitted for Board notification.

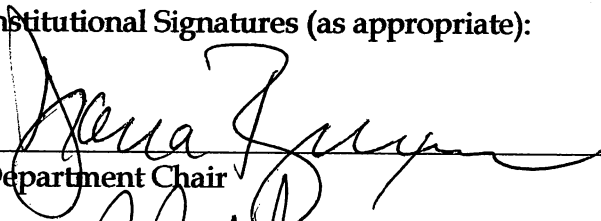
Institution Submitting Proposal: Department of Pharmacotherapy

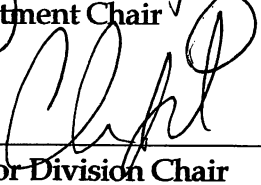
College, School or Division affected: Pharmacy

Change Description: Title only - MS degree in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy (previously MS in Pharmacotherapy)

Proposed Beginning Date: Fall 2011

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

  
Department Chair

  
Dean or Division Chair

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Chief Academic Officer

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President

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Date