

To: Writing Across the Curriculum Committee  
From: Michael Felts, Acting Chair  
Dept. of Health Information and Promotion  
RE: Request to remove WI designation from some sections of HLTH 3030  
Date: March 26, 2013

**Request:** The Department of Health Education and Promotion seeks approval to offer some sections of HLTH 3030 (Health Behavior) as non-WI classes.

**Justification:** HLTH 3030 (WI) is a required course in the Common Core for the BS in Public Health Studies (BSPH). The BSPH has three concentrations: Community Health, Prehealth Professions and Worksite Health Promotion. Community Health students take another WI course (HLTH 4605 “Community Strategies for Health Education”) as part of their concentration requirements. Consequently, Community Health students do not need HLTH 3030 to be WI in order to fulfill ECU’s WI requirement of “at least one 3 s.h. writing-intensive course in the major.” Students in the Prehealth Professions and Worksite Health Promotion concentrations do need to take HLTH 3030 as a WI class, since they do not take HLTH 4605.

As our BSPH major continues to grow in tandem with University budget constraints, the Dept. is having difficulty offering enough sections of HLTH 3030 in the small class format required of effective WI classes. This is negatively impacting students’ opportunity to take HLTH 3030 in the proper sequence, as they often have to wait until their senior year to get a seat in the class. A larger non-WI section for Community Health majors will greatly alleviate this bottleneck.

No other departments will be impacted by this change since only BSPH majors can take HLTH 3030.