

Proposed Department Name Change from Department of Rehabilitation Studies to Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies

The Department of Rehabilitation Studies (REHB) voted to change the department name to include “addictions.” All eleven (11) of the department’s voting faculty voted unanimously in favor of the name change and none (0) voted against it at the annual departmental retreat held on May 10, 2011. The name everybody agreed on is **Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies.**

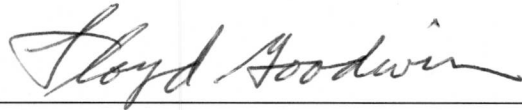
Rationale: Substance Abuse (SA) programs have provided the majority of students in the department since they began in 1989. Currently there are three SA programs in the department: M.S. degree in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling (SACC), undergraduate minor in Alcohol and Drug Studies, and a certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling. The master’s degree in SACC was one of the first graduate degree programs in substance abuse counseling in the nation and helped put ECU in the forefront of the addictions counseling field.

In terms of future need and employment growth, the United States’ Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook (2010-2011 Edition) reports that substance abuse counselors are in high demand and their employment growth rate is expected to be “faster than the average [growth rate] of all occupations.” In 2008, there were 86,100 substance abuse counselors. In 2018 the projected employment for substance abuse counselors is 104,200 (21% increase). With this projected increase the need for educating substance abuse counselors is likely to increase as well.

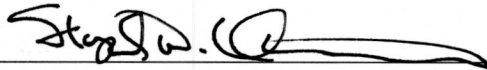
The name “addictions” was chosen primarily because of a new accreditation for master’s degree programs in “addictions counseling” established in 2009 by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the accreditation body for the counseling profession. Furthermore, addictions and rehabilitation are two separate disciplines, fields and professions. Each has its own body of professional knowledge and literature as well as separate accreditation, licensure, and certifications.

The requested name change recognizes the contribution of the SA programs within the department. Additionally, future students will be able to find the SA programs at East Carolina University easier through internet browsers. The new name will facilitate securing more external grants in the substance abuse/addictions area.

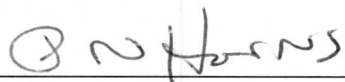
Please consider this to be our formal request to change the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Studies to the **Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies.** See page 3 for a summary of steps and procedures completed by our department pursuant to this request.



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Appendix A

As per the ECU Faculty Manual, the following steps for the department name change:

Steps/Procedure	Date Approved	
1. Curriculum Committee of the Department	Approved	5-10-11
2. Voting Faculty –REHB dept	Approved	5-10-11
3. Interim Chair –REHB dept	Approved	5-10-11
4. CAHS –Graduate Curriculum Committee	Approved	10-17-11
5. CAHS –Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	Approved	10-10-11
6. CAHS –Dean -Thomas	Approved	10-17-11
7. VC Health Sciences –Horns	Approved	10-19-11
8. Educational Policies & Planning Committee	Approved	11-11-11
9. Academic Council	Approved	
10. Faculty Senate	Approved	
11. Chancellor	Approved	



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From: P. Karen Sullivan *PKS*
Chair, CAHS, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

RE: Department name change

Date: November 22, 2011

The members of the CAHS, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee have approved the revised name change for the Department of Rehabilitation Studies. They realize the Educational Policies and Planning Committee has approved the change to read the "Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies."

cc: Stephen Thomas, Dean
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From: Laura Ball
Chair, CAHS, Graduate Curriculum Committee

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Date: November 22, 2011

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