

**Graduate Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026
EH 128, 4:00 pm**

Members Present: Cynthia Chovich, Cassidy Herringer, John Reece, Tess Shideler, Erik Packard, Christi Sanders Via, Austin Hanson, and KyoungHwa Oh

Members Absent: Barry Laga, Bridget Marshall, Justin Pomeranz, Jonathan Hinkle, and Jill Van Brussel

Ex-officio members present: Mary Jo Stanley, Robert Cackler, Maygen Simm, Barbara Borst, Greg Baker, and Rodger VanVoorhees

Recording Secretary: Lisa Bessette

Chair Chovich called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

I. Announcements

- A. CIM closed on December 19. Please do not roll back any proposal to the initiator, as they will no longer be able to resubmit it into workflow.

II. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Senior Associate Vice President
 - i. No update.
- B. Registrar's Office
 - i. No update.
- C. Financial Aid
 - i. No update.
- D. Library
 - i. No update.
- E. Catalog Description Reviewer
 - i. No update.
- F. SLO Reviewer
 - i. No update.

III. Old Business

- A. Chair Chovich asked if there was any additional discussion needed regarding the changes to the Graduate Catalog, which had been reviewed and approved via email after the last committee meeting. There was no further discussion.

IV. Curriculum Proposals

- A. Curriculum proposals begin on page 3.

V. Information Items

- A. Chair Chovich requested that the committee members let her know if they will be continuing in their role on the committee beginning Fall 2026. Many members

indicated they would return, while a few plan to check with their department to identify a replacement.

VI. New Business

A. None.

Reece motioned to adjourn and with no objections from the committee, Chair Chovich adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

GCC Proposals

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Effective Term - Summer 2026

Courses

The following is a summary: Additional information can be found on the individual curriculum proposals.

Title	Credits	Committee Action	Motion Second
PHAS 542: PA Professionalism II	2	Course Modification - Approved	Herringer Reece
GCC Discussion: Updated all course outcomes, including #10, to align with the 6th Edition of ARC-PA accreditation standards and SLO #1 is covered in other courses (PHAS 531, 532, 533). SLO#5 is moved to PHAS 581 to better align with timing of graduation. SLO# 8 is moved to PHAS 543 to better align with timing of students looking for employment.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
PHAS 543: PA Professional Capstone	1	Course Modification - Approved	Herringer Reece
GCC Discussion: Updated course outcomes (#5, #7, #8) to align with the 6th Edition of ARC-PA accreditation standards. SLO#6 was moved from PHAS 542 to better align with timing of student job searches. Slightly modified course catalog description.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
Course description for the catalog:		Synthesis of knowledge and skills in a scholarly project with direct application to quality improvement, health promotion, or community-based care. A written scholarly research paper is completed and a presentation is given relating findings to community health or clinical practice.	Synthesis of knowledge and skills in a scholarly project with direct application to quality improvement, health promotion, or community-based care. Relation of findings to community health or clinical practice through written scholarly communication and oral presentations.
PHAS 581: Summative Seminar	1	Course Modification - Approved	Herringer Reece
GCC Discussion: Updated course outcomes (#2, #4, #5) to align with the 6th Edition of ARC-PA accreditation standards. SLO#1 is redundant to SLO#2 and limited the program's ability to assess readiness for clinical practice to one mode of assessment. SLO#3 was removed because it was redundant. SLO#2 was added from PHAS 543 to better align content with timing of graduation and employment.			
Change Item Description		Old	New

SOWK 597A: Practice Education: Social Work Practicum I	5	Course Modification - Approved	Reece Hanson
GCC Discussion: Changed the title of this course from Field Education: Social Work Practicum II to Practice Education: Social Work Practicum II. Field is no longer used in our program; instead it has been updated to Practice which aligns with professional identity, educational standards, and clinical language.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
Course name:		Field Education: Social Work Practicum I	Practice Education: Social Work Practicum I
SOWK 597B: Practice Education: Social Work Practicum II	5	Course Modification - Approved	Reece Hanson
GCC Discussion: Changed the title of this course from Field Education: Social Work Practicum II to Practice Education: Social Work Practicum II. Field is no longer used in our program; instead it has been updated to Practice which aligns with professional identity, educational standards, and clinical language.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
Course name:		Field Education: Social Work Practicum II	Practice Education: Social Work Practicum II
SOWK 599A: Practice Education: Social Work Internship I	6	Course Modification - Approved	Reece Hanson
GCC Discussion: Changed the title of this course from Field Education: Social Work Internship I to Practice Education: Social Work Internship I. Field is no longer used in our program; instead it has been updated to Practice which aligns with professional identity, educational standards, and clinical language.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
Course name:		Field Education: Social Work Internship I	Practice Education: Social Work Internship I
SOWK 599B: Practice Education: Social Work Internship II	6	Course Modification - Approved	Reece Hanson
GCC Discussion: Changed the title of this course from Field Education: Social Work Internship II to Practice Education: Social Work Internship II. Field is no longer used in our program; instead it has been updated to Practice which aligns with professional identity, educational standards, and clinical language.			
Change Item Description		Old	New
Course name:		Field Education: Social Work Internship II	Practice Education: Social Work Internship II