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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY AND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Approve the request by University of Iowa to terminate the Master of Science in Community and Behavioral Health in the Graduate College.

Recommendation: The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Background: The Master of Science program in Community and Behavioral Health requires 35 hours of graduate credit, including a thesis. The program prepares students for research and professional positions in community and behavioral health or for Ph.D. study in community and behavioral health.

Reason for proposed termination. There has been little interest in this degree from student applicants to the department. There have been no admissions to the program since 2015. At present, one student is likely to graduate in summer 2019. Prior to that, there was only one graduate from the MS program since 2010.

The University of Iowa will continue to offer the Master of Public Health (MPH). In Public Health, an MPH is considered a relevant and acceptable conduit to a Ph.D. for those who would like to pursue a doctoral education.

Five-year trend in enrollments and graduations.

	Total Enrollment	Graduations
Fall 2013	1	0
Fall 2014	1	0
Fall 2015	2	1
Fall 2016	1	0
Fall 2017	1	0
Fall 2018	1	0

Effect on current students. There is only one student currently in the program, and he has an anticipated graduation date of summer 2019. The closure will not affect his progress. He has completed all his required courses in the department. He will continue to work with his advisor to complete remaining coursework, and his thesis.

Impact on resources. Since there is currently only one student enrolled, and there have been no admissions since 2015; and since the MPH degree will continue to be offered, there are no anticipated cost savings or changes in resource allocation.

Impact on workforce. There has been little interest in this program, and very few enrolled students. The termination of this degree will therefore not affect the workforce in the state.

Alternative programs. The University of Iowa will continue to offer the MPH in Community and Behavioral Health. No impact on other programs is expected. There are no similar MS degrees in Iowa.

Effective date of termination. August 2019.