



## REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Physician Assistant Studies  
 Department/Division: Department of Clinical Sciences  
 College: College of Health Sciences Bulletin pp www.rqs.uky.edu/qs/bulletin/bullJan03/physiassttu.html  
 Degree Title (Old): MSPAS Major (New): MSPAS  
 CIP Code: M51.0807 HEGIS Code: 1299.10  
 Accrediting Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)		
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)		
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required		
4. Termination criteria		
5. Plan A requirements*		
6. Plan B requirements*	Oral defense	Option of oral or written defense
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)		
8. Required courses (if applicable)		
9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)		
10. Final examination requirements		

\* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

11. Any other requirements not covered above

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II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

Experience with our first class of Masters students in requiring an oral defense has led the faculty to the conclusion that the logistics of requiring an oral defense for every student given the total of 3 overlapping classes of students (165 students) is unworkable in the long run and represents an exorbitant demand on limited faculty resources.

We would like to continue to have the students complete a project for their degree; however, the PAS faculty proposes that instead of requiring all students to complete an oral defense on a research topic, students be required to complete a comprehensive written exam shortly before graduation. This exam will cover the entire curriculum, and all students will take the same exam.

The PAS faculty would like for the requested change to apply to the class that is scheduled to graduate in August 2003. Because our currently registered students (classes of 2003, 2004, 2005) entered the program under the oral exam required, the program would offer them the choice of either an oral or a written exam. The offer would be made non-coercive manner. The written final exam would be the only option available to the class of 2006 (entering January 2004), and subsequent classes.

CLEAR FORM

Signatures of Approval:

_____	Department Chair	_____	Date
_____	Dean of the College	_____	Date
		_____	Date of Notice to the Faculty
_____	*Undergraduate Council	_____	Date
_____	*University Studies	_____	Date
_____	*Graduate Council	_____	Date
_____	Academic Council for the Medical Center	_____	Date
_____	Senate Council	_____	Date of Notice to University Senate

\*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL