

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**The Graduate School**  
**CURRICULAR REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL TO THE FACULTY**  
**SENATE: REPORT NO. 2006-2007-3**

At meeting No. 414 held November 17, 2006, the Graduate Council considered and approved the following curricular matters which are now submitted to the Faculty Senate for confirmation.

**Matters Requiring Confirmation by Faculty Senate**

- A. College of Environment and Life Sciences
  - 1. Department of Environmental Sciences
    - a. Change:

**EVS 612 Leadership and Communication in Coastal Ecosystem Science & Management** – change credits to read:

**EVS 612 Leadership and Communication in Coastal Ecosystem Science & Management (1-3).** May be repeated for up to 5 credits.

- B. College of Human Science and Services
  - 1. Department of Human Development and Family Studies
    - a. New Course (approved at September 29, 2006 meeting):

**HDF 540 Interdisciplinary Teamwork in Health and Human Services (3)**

Basic principles of interdisciplinary teamwork in health care, human service, and education professions. Practice in promoting effective communication, conflict resolution, and leadership in teams. Focus on social and experiential learning.

- C. College of Pharmacy
  - 1. Changes:

**New program requirements and course updates for the Pharm.D./MBA Program**

**Summary:**

The University of Rhode Island Colleges of Pharmacy and Business Administration offer a joint program that will allow students the opportunity to develop management and administrative skills, through enrollment in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program, as they study for the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. This program will graduate highly-qualified individuals to assume leadership and management roles in the health care industry. A unique combination of didactic management and pharmacy coursework,

coupled with innovative practicum experiences, provides students with an exceptional knowledge base of theoretical and applied information

### **Background:**

Unprecedented opportunities are available to pharmacists in the rapidly expanding fields of managed care pharmacy and administrative pharmacy. This relatively new direction in the health care marketplace offers the promise of clinically appropriate and cost-effective treatment to an ever-increasing segment of the population. In 2006, approximately 90% of the United States population was enrolled in some form of managed care plan. More than half of this population was covered by prescription plans that were administered by pharmacy benefit management (PBM) companies.

Skilled pharmacy managers are needed at many levels. Pharmacists in retail and institutional settings must be capable of providing high quality pharmaceutical care, value-added professional services, and appropriate clinical and economic information to their patients and other professionals. A unique blend of these clinical and economic skills is essential for decision-making by pharmacists practicing in managed care organizations (MCO's), in PBMs, in government, and in the pharmaceutical industry. Finally, talented researchers are required to develop the knowledge base essential for the successful shift to a managed care environment and beyond.

### **Program Requirements:**

Students have the option of applying for the MBA Kingston Program or the MBA Evening Program. The following program of study is prescribed for each option:

<b>MBA Kingston Program</b>
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#### **MBA Program Required Courses**

ECN 590	Principles of Economics	3
MBA 500	Statistical Methods in Management	3
MBA 502	Organizational Behavior	3
MBA 503	Financial Accounting	3
MBA 504	Financial Management	3
MBA 505	Managerial Marketing	3
MBA 510	Managerial Accounting	3
MBA 530	Legal Environment of Business	3
MBA 540	Organizational Decision Making and Design	3
MBA 555	Managerial Economics	3
MBA 560	Operations Management	3
MBA 565	Strategic Decision Making	3
MBA 574	Consulting Project	3

## **MBA Program Elective Courses**

PHP 504	Health Systems II	3
PHP 580	Pharmacoeconomics	3
PHC594	Managed Care Professional Tracking Practicum	5

## **MBA Evening Program**

### **MBA Program Required Courses**

ECN 590	Principles of Economics	3
MBA 500	Statistical Methods in Management	3
MBA 502	Organizational Behavior	3
MBA 503	Financial Accounting	3
MBA 504	Financial Management	3
MBA 505	Managerial Marketing	3
MBA 565	Strategic Decision Making	3

### **MBA Program Mid-Level Courses (select 15 credits)**

MBA 510	Managerial Accounting	3
MBA 520	Quantitative Methods for Management	3
MBA 530	Legal Environment of Business	3
MBA 540	Organizational Decision Making and Design	3
MBA 550	Managing with Information Resources	3
MBA 555	Managerial Economics	3
MBA 560	Operations Management	3

### **MBA Program Elective Courses (9 credits)**

PHP 504	Health Systems II	3
PHP 580	Pharmacoeconomics	3
PHC594	Managed Care Professional Tracking Practicum	5

A 5-credit Professional Tracking Practicum (PHC 594) is included in the joint Pharm.D./MBA program requirements. This experiential program will provide the student with the opportunity to apply the management and clinical skills in a "real world" environment. Placement sites might include managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit management companies, pharmaceutical firms, or government agencies.

The College of Business Administration will accept up to 3 Pharm.D. courses (PHP 504, PHP 580 and PHC 594) toward the MBA degree. The College of Pharmacy will accept 9 credits of MBA coursework toward the Pharm.D. degree in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoepidemiology track.

### **Admission Requirements:**

Students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program are eligible to apply for admission to the joint program after their fourth academic year (by July 15). The following are required at that time:

- Online Application
- GMAT (GMAT is not required if you complete your Pharm.D. degree before you start the MBA)
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- Application Fee

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