

## Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

### MEMO

**To:** The UVM Faculty Senate  
**From:** Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair  
**Date:** April 6, 2017  
**Re:** Approval of a request submitted by the Graduate College to Change the Name of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Environmental Public Health

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At its meeting on April 6, 2017, the Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved the action recommended in the following memo.

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The Curricular Affairs Committee unanimously approved a request submitted by the Graduate College in conjunction with the Larner College of Medicine, Department of Medicine and Continuing and Distance Education (CDE) to change the name of the Certificate of Graduate Study in Environmental Public Health (CGS EPH) to the Certificate of Graduate Study in “Global and Environmental Health” (CGS GEH). No curricular changes are being made to the program.

The CGS EPH is one of a suite of a certificates offered by the Department of Medicine with CDE that provide stand-alone graduate-level health credentials, and also feed into the Masters in Public Health (MPH) for students that wish to pursue their studies further. Alteration to the name of the EPH certificate is being requested due to changes in descriptive language within the field of public health, and the increasing awareness of the global nature of public health issues. Based on an examination of public health offerings at other institutions, the field has differentiated into two domains – one related to toxicology and occupational health, and another related to the intersection of the environment (natural and built) with human/animal health and infectious disease. The CGS EPH program at UVM is focused on the latter domain, and the program believes that the proposed name – the CGS in Global and Environmental Health – better reflects the program’s focus.

Support for the name change was provided by the Chair of the Department of Medicine, the Dean of LCOM, and the Dean of the Graduate College.