

Curriculum Renewal: Paramedic Program John Fader July 2008

Program: Paramedic	Co-ordinator: John Fader	Date: July 2008
B. Curriculum Strengths and Challenges Summarize the curriculum strengths and challenges identified by the team.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need further discussion with IDS Comm staff• Psych course would be better fit if it was Abnormal Psych Research, profession & Practice needs focus. Consider clarifying these outcome foci in seminar of Health Care Concepts & taking this thread to a more complex level in Sem 3 & 4 New MTCU standards will soon be released.• Minimum Lifting Standards for Paramedic have increased• Need to update fitness/lift policy to ensure student lift ability, continue in program & to have placements opportunities for our students- moving fitness course to sem 2 would prepare students sooner to meet the expectations of the field• Students need radio Operator License• Students need experience computer charting & writing ACRs (Ambulance Call Reports)• Student pass rate on exams very high		
C. Action Plan Identify priority actions for the next year and the rationale for their inclusion. For each, indicate the project lead, and the proposed timelines for completion.		
<u>Overall Summary of Course Changes 2008-2009</u> 1. Several course name changes only: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rideout-FLPL76 (Sem 1) to Ambulance Rideout and Observation,• Clinical Observation ESRV2 (Sem 2)to Clinical 1• Clinical ESRV1 (Sem 3) to Clinical 2,• Patient Care 4 & Comprehensive Review ESRV32 to Comprehensive Theoretical Review,• Patient Care 4 Labs ESRV 38 (sem 4) to Comprehensive Lab Review,• Consolidation (Rideout) ESRV3 (Sem 4) to Paramedic Consolidation 2. Move several courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fitness 11- RECR64- from sem 3 to sem 2,• Rideout FLPL76• Intro to Psych for PMS SOCI157- move from sem 2 to sem 3• Ambulance & Driving ESRV26- from sem 3 to Sem 2• Move HCC HLTH65 – from sem 1 to sem 3 See chart below 3. Further discussion with IDS re course content of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMM36: research, resume writing, interactions, computer charting		

- Intro to Psych for PMS- SOCI57
4. Curriculum Issues:
- Further exploration & argument for fitness entrance requirements due to changes lifting requirements
 - Further exploration of life experience as 1 criteria for entrance rather than just marks
 - Update fitness/lift policy to continue in program & have placement opportunity- John
 - Add G licence requirement for admission-John
 - Consider variety of options to have 1st yr & 2nd year students interacting with each other. John to discuss with nursing the various means they use: senior student for lab practice, involvement of students in orientation of 1st semester students
 - Send to Trudy the idea for Advanced Care program as another pathway- done MS, follow-up John
 - Ensure in Health Care Concepts that research & professional issues is covered in seminar hours-recommend outlining these outcomes as add-on to course outline so that they can be well tracked by both students & faculty-Mary
 - Notify IDS of plans for moves-John

D. Deferred Actions

Record any issues that will need to be monitored, researched, or deferred for future action.

2010 & Beyond

3. Drop a course:

- Consider dropping 3 hr HCC(HLTH65)- use hours for other needs

4. Add a course:

- 2 hr Research & Professional Practice (would replace HCC)

5. Add 1 hour to a course:

- 1 hr to Fitness 2 RECR64
- 1 hr to Advanced Paramed Skills ESRV24 (would use 1 hr from HCC)

COST:

Want 1 additional seminar hour. Further discussion required to make change requests cost neutral

Further explore need for increased driving hours for students (15 more)
Explore switching Psch to Abnormal Psych

Chart of Planned Course Moves by Exchanging Semesters-cost neutral

2009 Jan	2009 Sept	2010 Jan	2010 Sept
RECR64 to sem 2 (from 3)	SOCI57 to Sem 3 (from 2)		
	ESRV26 to sem 1 (from 3)		HLTH65-HCC to Sem 3 (from 1)

Program Curriculum Map updated July 2008