

**FORM G**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA**  
**PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT CHANGE**

Institution: Iowa State University

Program/Department Proposing Change: College of Human Sciences

Change Being Proposed (e.g. name change, degree type, administrative structure): College name change to the College of Health and Human Sciences

Name of College: College of Human Sciences

Approximate date to implement changes: Month July Year 2024

Contact person: (name, telephone, and e-mail) Laura D. Jolly, 515-294-5380, ljolly@iastate.edu

**Please do not use acronyms without defining them.**

1. Describe reasons for the proposed changes.

Strong programs, research, and outreach across various dimensions of health are part of the college's current offerings. A commitment to health is reflected in the college's mission, vision, strategic plan, and key outcomes. Students can pursue many health-related career fields with programs offered by the college.

The "College of Health and Human Sciences" name reflects this work in teaching, research, and in extension/outreach programs throughout the college. The addition of health to the college name aids in communicating the health-related focus to students, employers, and stakeholders.

In November 2022, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities Board on Human Sciences changed its name to the Board on Health and Human Sciences. The addition of health to the name was a result of a strategic planning process. The board's disciplines focus on healthy families, communities, and individuals with an applied approach of improving health and well-being through research, teaching, service, and outreach.

Of the ten Iowa State University peer institutions, six have colleges similar to the College of Human Sciences. Four of these six have the word health in their college name. Based upon conversations with university leaders, other peer institutions are considering the addition of health to their respective college names. (See attached listing of institutions with Colleges of Health and Human Sciences and similar colleges with health as part of the college name).

Engagement in health-related teaching, research, outreach, and student career outcomes is reflected throughout the actions within the college and is a core piece of the strategic direction. Adding health to the college name is in alignment with national peers and with the mission and vision of the college.

2. How will the proposed change affect current students?

No disruption to current students is expected. This change does not impact the curriculum of current programs (majors, minors, certificates, etc.).

3. If relevant, have accreditation requirements been addressed?

There are no issues with accreditation. This change does not impact the curriculum of accredited programs. Accrediting agencies will be notified as per their guidelines of the College name change.

4. If relevant, describe program configuration changes that will accompany the proposed program or change, e.g., change in number of credit hours required, faculty appointments, etc.

N/A

5. If relevant, identify resources that will be needed in connection with the proposed program or department change, e.g., facilities, faculty, funds, etc.

The college name change is not expected to have a major impact on resources within the College of Human Sciences or ISU. Support is sufficient at the present time.

6. Is this intended to be a temporary or permanent change? If temporary, for how long?

The change in the name of the college will be permanent.

## **Institutions with Colleges of Health and Human Sciences**

### **Iowa State Peer Institutions**

Colorado State University

Kansas State University

Purdue University

### **Public and Land-Grant Institutions**

North Dakota State University

Northern Illinois University

Texas Tech University (in process)

### **Public and Land-Grant Institutions with similar college structures as Iowa State's College of Human Sciences that have health as part of the college name.**

Florida State University, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

Oregon State University, College of Health (ISU peer institution)

Pennsylvania State University, College of Health and Human Development

University of Idaho, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

University of Tennessee, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

## **Rationale for College Name Change: College of Health and Human Sciences**

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The "College of Health and Human Sciences" name reflects this work in teaching, research, and in extension/outreach programs throughout the college.

It brings an opportunity to amplify and expand the college's programs while positioning the college's teaching, research, and outreach for future endeavors related to health.

The addition of health to the college name aids in communicating the health-related focus to students, employers, and stakeholders.

### ***On a National Level***

In November 2022, the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities Board on Human Sciences changed its name to the Board on Health and Human Sciences. The addition of health to the name was a result of a strategic planning process. The board's disciplines focus on healthy families, communities, and individuals with an applied approach of improving health and well-being through research, teaching, service, and outreach.

### ***Peer Institutions***

Of the ten Iowa State University peer institutions, six have colleges similar to the College of Human Sciences. Four of these six have the word health in their college name: Colorado State University, Kansas State University, Purdue University, and Oregon State University. Based upon conversations with university leaders, other institutions are considering the addition of health to their respective college names.

### ***At Iowa State***

Iowa State University has a focus on: providing undergraduates with an education that prepares them for health-related professional school upon graduation; elevating health-related research and outreach; and creating new health-related programs to meet workforce demands.

### ***Within the College***

Engagement in health-related teaching, research, outreach, and student career outcomes is reflected throughout the actions within the college and is a core piece of the strategic direction.

- Mission: ...will lead in developing sustainable ways to provide innovations in health and wellness
- Vision: ...deep passion for health and well-being
- Strategic Plan: ...advancing health, well-being
- Key initiatives: wellness

## **Planning process and Timeline for Consideration of College Name Change**

### **2020:**

- CHS Cabinet discussions on College Health focus and positioning

### **2021:**

- Associate Dean led conversations with campus colleagues on health-related programs
- Dean's Advisory Council discussion on health and wellness programs and interdisciplinary research
- Programmatic initiatives: Summer 2021, Masters in Athletic Training Program (MATR), accreditation approval from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training in Education (CAATE).
- Programmatic initiatives: Fall 2021, accreditation approval for the Master's in Professional Practice in Dietetics (FSHN) by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

### **2022:**

- Programmatic initiatives: Fall 2022, RN-to-BSN, Accreditation approval from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
- CHS Cabinet Workgroups and Retreat
- CHS Caucus discussions around health related programs
- Dean's Advisory Council discussion on aligning college programs with career and workforce needs
- APLU Board on Human Sciences renamed to Board on Health and Human Sciences

### **2023:**

- Draft proposal and talking points for discussion with stakeholder groups
- Dean meetings with each department/school faculty and staff--spring 2023
- Dean's Advisory Council spring 2023, supported
- CHS Enrollment Accelerator conversations/discussions spring/summer 2023)
- CHS Cabinet discussions (October 3, November 7)

### **2024:**

- CHS Cabinet discussions – (January 9, February 27, March 8, March 19)
- College Stakeholders
  - o CHS Caucus (March 19, and April 9, 2024)
  - o Department and School faculty/staff meetings (March and April, 2024)
  - o CHS Student leaders (April 2024)
  - o CHS Dean's Advisory Council (April 2024)
  - o College Discussion Forums (April, 2024)



April 22, 2024

Laura Dunn Jolly, PhD  
 Dean, College of Human Sciences  
 Iowa State University

Dear Dean Jolly:

As Chair and Vice-Chair of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) Board on Health and Human Sciences (BHHS), we are pleased to write this letter of strong support for the new name for the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University: *College of Health and Human Sciences*.

Strong programs, research, and outreach across various dimensions of health are part of the college's current offerings. A commitment to health is reflected in the college's mission, vision, and strategic plan. Students can pursue many health-related career fields with programs offered by the college.

The "College of Health and Human Sciences" name reflects the strong work in teaching, research, and in extension/outreach programs throughout the college. The addition of health to the college name aids in communicating the health-related focus to students, employers, and stakeholders.


In November 2022, the APLU Board on Human Sciences changed its name to the Board on Health and Human Sciences. The addition of health to the name was a result of a strategic planning process yielding a strong recognition of the evolution over the past several decades toward increasing highly beneficial collaborations between the Health and Human Sciences. The board's disciplines focus on healthy families, communities, and individuals with an applied approach of improving health and well-being through research, teaching, service, and outreach.


Of the ten Iowa State University peer institutions, six have colleges inclusive of Human Sciences. Four of them also have the word "Health" in their name. Based upon conversations with university leaders through the BHHS and other venues, we are well aware that other peer institutions with Colleges inclusive of the Human Sciences are considering the addition of "Health" to their college names.

Engagement in health-related teaching, research, outreach, and student career outcomes is reflected throughout the actions within the college and is a core piece of the strategic direction. Adding health to the college name is in alignment with national peers and with the mission and vision of the college.

We, therefore, endorse this name change in the strongest and most positive terms.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
 Erik Porteli, PhD  
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 Chair, APLU Board on Health and Human Sciences  
 Professor and Chair of Human Sciences  
 College of Education and Human Ecology  
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 Lise Youngblade, PhD  
 Vice-Chair, APLU Board on Health and Human Sciences  
 Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences  
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**College of Public Health**

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May 2, 2024

Dr. Laura Dunn Jolly  
Dean and Dean's Chair  
College of Human Sciences  
Iowa State University  
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Dear Dr. Jolly:

I am writing today in reference to the proposed name change of the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University to the College of Health and Human Sciences. I believe the name change is reasonable and will place the college in line with both the health specific research and teaching of some of your faculty as well as better alignment with your peer Colleges of Human Services who are also making this name change. I also note that the change to Health more broadly instead of Public Health distinguishes the difference between our two colleges and recognizes the specific public health aspect of our college in comparison to the multi-faceted focus of your college, which includes non-health areas.

Sincerely,

Edith A. Parker, DrPH, MPH  
Dean, College of Public Health  
Professor of Community and Behavioral Health



May 1, 2024

Laura Jolly, Dean  
College of Human Sciences  
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Dear Laura,

Thank you for sharing the proposal for the college name change to College of Health and Human Sciences during our zoom call on April 24, 2024. The logic behind the name change makes sense, given the academic programs already housed within the college and the national trend to include “health” in the name of similar academic structures at other institutions. As such, we do not have any concerns at this time, and wish you well as you and your faculty embark on this change.

Sincerely,

*Brenda L. Bass*

Brenda L. Bass, Dean  
College of Social & Behavioral Sciences  
School of Health & Human Sciences

## **Summary of Communication with Board of Regents Institutions:**

### **University of Iowa**

#### **Dean Edith Parker, College of Public Health**

- E-mail communication with Dr. Parker sharing our proposed name change, College of Health and Human Sciences with brief rationale and requesting a time for a call to discuss our proposal and any feedback, questions or concerns she might have.
- Dr. Parker responded thanking me for reaching out about the name change. She indicated she did not have concerns and indicated there was not a need to meet to discuss. (4/23/2024)

#### **Dean Sara Sanders, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

- E-mail communication with Dr. Sanders sharing our proposed name change, College of Health and Human Sciences with brief rationale and requesting a time for a call to discuss our proposal and any feedback, questions or concerns she might have.
- Zoom call is scheduled for May 7, 2024

### **University of Northern Iowa**

#### **Dean Brenda Bass, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

- E-mail communication with Dr. Bass sharing our proposed name change, College of Health and Human Sciences with brief rationale and requesting a time for a call to discuss our proposal and any feedback, questions or concerns she might have.
- A Zoom call was held on April 24, 2024. Dr. Bass supports the proposal and will send a letter of support. We discussed the rebranding and positioning of the college with health added to the name. She inquired about our plans for new program development. I shared our plans for the Digital Health master's degree and the undergraduate Integrated Health Sciences major (collaborative with two other ISU Colleges). Other programs may emerge in Human Development and Family Studies.

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Date: April 25, 2024

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Senior Vice President and Provost

From: Dr. Laura D. Jolly *Laura D. Jolly*  
Dean and Dean's Chair  
College of Human Sciences

**Re: Proposed Name Change for the College of Human Sciences**

The faculty of the College of Human Sciences requests that the Senior Vice President and Provost and the Faculty Senate consider and support a change of the College's name to the College of Health and Human Sciences.

The idea of a name change emerged from several years of strategic discussions and planning centered around health and wellness. The name, College of Health and Human Sciences, was specifically discussed over the past two years.

In 2020, the College Cabinet began looking at ways to increase health and wellness teaching, research, and outreach. The Dean's Advisory Council, an external group of alumni and stakeholders, engaged in discussions centered on health and wellness. The Dean's Advisory Council provided industry insights that helped shape new programs. This strategic focus yielded three new health-related degree programs, and the college is seeking approval for two more.

The name, the College of Health and Human Sciences, has been shared and discussed with college leaders, the Dean's Advisory Council, faculty, staff, students as well as internal and external partners.

On April 16, 2024, I requested a vote of the College of Human Sciences faculty. The vote was conducted via a Qualtrics survey from April 17 through April 23, 2024. The College has 157 faculty eligible to vote. On changing the name of the College to the College of Health and Human Sciences, 84 faculty voted yes and 16 voted no.

As Dean of the College, I strongly support a college name change to the College of Health and Human Sciences. This name reflects the increased emphasis on health in teaching, research, and extension/outreach programs in the college. It will also aid in communicating the college health focus to prospective students, employers, and stakeholders. This is an opportunity to amplify and enhance the college's current programs while positioning the college's teaching, research, and extension/outreach for future endeavors related to health.

Strong support is evident for the name change within the college and with our advisory council. The timeliness of this change aligns with the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) Board on Human Sciences and its name change to the Board on Health and Human Sciences in 2022. A number of peer and land-grant institutions use the name Health and Human Sciences including: Colorado State University, Kansas State University, and Purdue University. Others are contemplating name changes in the near future.

The new name, College of Health and Human Sciences, will strengthen our recruitment and retention of students, enhance our research and extension/outreach programs, and create new opportunities for future growth.

Please see the attached document providing additional information about the rationale and planning process. I am also attaching a support letter from the leadership of the Board on Health and Human Sciences, APLU.

Thank you for considering this request.

Cc: Sarah Bennett- George, President, Faculty Senate