

November 13, 2023

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate offered through the Department of Biology. The certificate is designed to expose students to careers in laboratory sciences.

As part of the certificate curriculum, the School of Public Health and Information Sciences (SPHIS) is responsible for providing the 2 credit hour Introduction to Health Professions course. The course will be taught every fall semester and provides students the opportunity to explore a wide range of health professions.

Additionally, SPHIS is working collaboratively with the Department of Biology to identify agencies that may be interested in serving as certificate internship sites. SPHIS currently has an extensive list of internship sites, and many are interested in hosting students as part of the certificate. SPHIS and the Department of Biology have created a strong working relationship with the goal of supporting our students and providing a range of academic opportunities based on workforce needs. We hope to expand our collaborative efforts as new opportunities arise.

The certificate is a natural fit for students interested in public health. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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