

Proposal for a new Dept. of Health Professions Education in the School of Medicine
Presented to the Faculty Senate
February 5, 2025

Background: The Master of Science in Health Professions Education program and its associated certificate program moved from the College of Education and Human Development to the School of Medicine earlier this year. Both programs have experienced significant growth and success, and there is a need to hire more faculty to teach a significant number of learners in these programs. In addition, work to expand continuing medical education and interdisciplinary professional education is underway.

Purpose: The purpose of this new Department is to serve as home for faculty who teach in the Master of Science in Health Professions Education programs and faculty who are leading continuing medical education/interdisciplinary professional education programming for the SOM.

Additional Details: It is not anticipated that this new department will have direct impacts on other undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate teaching programs, nor is it intended to replace faculty teaching in currently existing programs. It is not expected to have impact on perceived need for new faculty hires in other departments. Creation of this new Department will allow additional hires of faculty to teach Health Professions Education courses. New hires in the Department of Health Professions are expected to be selected for their expertise in Health Professions Education. Funding will be primarily through tuition revenue and other continuing education revenue.

Current status: The proposed Department has also been discussed with the faculty affected, financial affairs, the Faculty Forum, and the Medical Council and received a favorable vote by 270 voting executive faculty: 229 Yes, 32 No, 9 Abstain