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**2.Proposed Change**

Remove Junior Standing pre-requisite from DPEM 4533

**3.Effective Date**

1/8/2015

**4.Justification**

This course was originally designed as an upper level nursing elective and predated the DPEM program and course prefixes. Nursing curriculum has changed so that upper level electives have been eliminated. The lock-step nature of nursing curriculum had required junior standing for the course. Now that there are no longer upper level nursing electives the junior standing is no longer needed.

In addition, this course was in the first iteration of the multidisciplinary minor in homeland security and disaster preparedness. The course number was to allow not only undergraduate students to take the course but placed at the 4000 level so graduate students could take the course. With a Master’s degree now available, this course would no longer be sought after and taken by graduate students.

Many students in CNHP have the capacity to complete the multi-disciplinary minor before they begin their junior year. Once they enter the last two years of their professional programs it becomes problematic to complete the minor’s upper level courses. That is true for this course. Historically, many sophomore students have taken this course in pursuit of their minor and done quite well.

Fall, 2015 was the first semester the new registration error tool was programmed to identify students enrolled in upper level courses without junior standing. We had almost 30 students experience a registration error because of this and had to permit all of the students into the course.

It is the pre-requisite of junior standing we wish to remove. It is no longer an absolute and doesn’t serve the students well who need to take and are quite capable of taking this course successfully. It is a barrier to course registration and students completing the minor. It has no impact for the majors of DPEM as this course is placed as an upper level course in the degree plan.

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**DPEM 4523. Risk Identification and Prevention** Identifies actions communities, institutions and governments must take to identify the risk and prevent injury from man made and natural disas­ters, including acts of terrorism. Course topics include risk assessment, mitigation, surveillance, disaster epidemiology, emerging infections and socio political implications. Cross-listed as NRS 4523. Fall, odd.

**DPEM 4533. Disaster and Mental Health** Identifies evolving evidence related to the impact of disaster and mass violence on mental health. Considers natural and man-made disasters, short and long term effects and common treatment strategies. Registration restricted to Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness minors or any major with permission of Instructor. Cross-listed as NRS 4533. ~~Prerequisite, Junior standing.~~ Spring, even.

**DPEM 4553. Capstone in Homeland Security & Disaster Preparedness** Application of skills and knowledge gained in the minor to the analysis of a specific need or problem and the design of solutions. Teamwork among various specialties with the field. Prerequisite, NRS 3503. Permission of instructor required. Cross listed as POSC 4553, NRS 4553. Spring.