




Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

From: Katia Passerini, Ph.D.

Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: *Dual Degree in IPHS and Athletic Training*
2022-FS-41

Date: March 1, 2022

We have received 2022-FS-41, *Dual Degree in IPHS and Athletic Training*, approving the proposal for a dual degree 3+2 program articulation linking the newly-approved Bachelor of Science in Interprofessional Health Sciences (BS IPHS) program with the existing Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) in the School of Health and Medical Sciences (SHMS).

This proposal was supported by the Chair of Athletic Training and the Acting Chair of the BS IPHS as well as the Dean of SHMS. The dual degree will allow BS IPHS students who successfully complete the Exercise Science concentration and meet the admission requirements of the MSAT program at the end of their junior year to receive a guaranteed seat in the MSAT program in their senior year, at which time they would enroll in existing first-year graduate courses that are part of the MSAT. In our experience with applicants to our MSAT who have studied Exercise Science at other institutions, the BS IPHS concentration in Exercise Science will likely be more appealing to those interested in Athletic Training than a typical Biology major. Thus, the University will offer prospective first-year undergraduate students another entry point upon which to pursue the field of Athletic Training for graduate education. This supports our aim to deliver affordable education in that students can earn their bachelors and masters in five rather than six years. We expect the marriage of these two programs to strengthen interest in both the BS and the MS programs.

I approve this 3+2 program in IPHS and Athletic Training. My approval is conditioned upon successful maintenance of both the program in IPHS and Athletic Training, and this program will automatically sunset if either of those programs is closed or suspended. (As the Senate is aware, the IPHS degree is subject to a sunset clause of its own.) In addition, this program may automatically sunset if, at the end of FY 2026, there are no students enrolled in the program. Of course, all new program proposals are subject to approval by the Board of Regents. The program proposers should share these standards and the program description should be entered into Banner by April 1, 2022.

As with the component BS IPHS proposal, we thank the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Services, the Stillman School of Business, and the School of Health and Medical Sciences for creating this efficient, collaborative new program to serve students. We look forward to hearing about the success of these students particularly in view of the recent changes in academic requirements for the profession of Athletic Training.