DATE: 10/16/14

TO: Dr. Katherine G. Aiken
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

FROM: Liz Bryant, Pre-Health Advisor; Andrew Brewick, Director, Academic Advising

SUBJECT: Minor Change Notification Request

Attached to this letter please find the NWCCU Change Application Form(s) for the below listed program(s)/change(s). The University of Idaho is writing to notify both the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) per the Substantive Change Policy (revised 2013) and the Idaho State Board of Education per Board Policy Section III.G.3.c.ii of the change(s) which we believe is minor.

- Pre-Health Professions Studies, creation of an academic minor

The following information is being provided to ensure both agencies have the necessary information to ensure the minor, non-substantive change(s) is in alignment with our institutional responsibilities and accreditation.

Mission and Core Themes:
Development of a Pre-Health Professions Minor will enable the University of Idaho to better support the academic and professional development of our pre-health students through more accurate and efficient identification and outreach. Furthermore, it will help us to focus our teaching and learning in a pre-professional context for our pre-health professions students.

Authorization:
The change(s) was approved through the College of Science Curriculum Committee, University Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, and by the University Faculty during the 2014-15 academic year. The University of Idaho is providing notification to NWCCU and OSBE as required by the policy of each agency prior to making the change(s). The change(s) will be made effective beginning Summer 2015.

Educational Offerings:
The proposed Pre-Health Professions minor will be academically housed in the College of Science. Most health professions schools do not require a specific degree for admission. Instead, students are encouraged to select a major in an area that reflects their interests and aptitude, and then simultaneously complete prerequisite coursework for admission to their school(s) of choice. The proposed Pre-Health Professions minor includes curriculum that most health professions schools will expect applicants to have completed prior to admission, and involves no change to current course offerings at the University of Idaho.

Planning:
The current system is not sufficient for accurately and efficiently identifying the population of pre-health students enrolled at the University of Idaho. Development of a Pre-Health Professions academic minor will enable students to formally self-identify as a pre-health professions student, regardless of their chosen major. This process will allow the pre-health advisor to perform a higher level of outreach to these students, and will provide them with a
more structured pathway to satisfy their professional school prerequisites. This solution was
developed, in consultation with the Registrar’s office and pertinent academic departments,
following a review of the current processes used and challenges faced at both the University of
Idaho and other institutions.

Development of this program would entail removal of Pre-Health Studies language (Pre-Med,
Pre-Dental, Pre-Physical Therapy) from within Biological Sciences in the University Catalog,
and placement of the proposed academic minor within Colleges and Other Units.

Budget:
No projected change.

Student Services:
Development of the proposed Pre-Health Professions minor has negligible potential for negative
impact, and high potential for positive impact. Students will be able to self-identify through the
declaration of the proposed minor. The proposed minor incorporates multiple options, allowing
students to customize their course of study to meet the needs of their specific programs of
choice. The declaration of the proposed Pre-Health Minor will enable the Pre-Health Advisor
and other Academic Advisors to accurately identify students’ pre-health intentions, regardless of
academic major.

Physical Facilities:
None.

Library and Information Resources:
No additional resources required.

Faculty:
No additional faculty or staff required for the development of the Pre-Health Professions
academic minor.

Attachments:  NWCCU Change Form (#)
Appendix A: Pre-Health Professions Minor Curriculum
University of Idaho: Pre-Health Professions Minor

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Required Courses:

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Choose at least 10 credits from the following:

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*Chem 111 strongly encouraged as most health professions schools require general chemistry for science majors

Courses to total 20 credits for this minor