Certificate|Close-Modify for request 12200

Info

Request: Graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine
Description of request: Change number of credits in existing graduate certificate from 9 credits to 15 credits.
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Responses

Current Certificate Name

Response:
Shelter Medicine

Effective Term
Select the requested term and year that the certificate change(s) will first be implemented. Selecting "Earliest" will allow the change to be effective in the earliest term after full approval.

Response:
Summer

Effective Year

Response:
2018

Requested Action

Response:
Other

Change Certificate Name?

Response:
No

Proposed Certificate Name

Response:
N/A

Change Certificate Name on Transcript?

Response:
No

Current Transcript Name

Response:
Shelter Medicine

Proposed Transcript Name (21 char. max)

Response:
N/A

Change Credit Hours?

Response:
Yes

Current Credit Hours

Response:
9

Proposed Credit Hours

Response:
15

Change Certificate Description?

Response:
Yes

Current Certificate Description

Response:
Prepare practice-ready shelter veterinarians who can enhance the health and welfare of homeless pets.

Proposed Certificate Description (50 word max)

Response:
Prepare practice-ready shelter professionals who can enhance the health and welfare of homeless pets and increase the life-saving efforts of animal shelters.

Change Certificate Prerequisites?

Response:
No

Current Prerequisites
Response:
None

Proposed Prerequisites

Response:
None

Change Certificate Requirements?

Response:
Yes

Current Requirements

Response:
Current courses are:

VME 6810
Integrating Veterinary Medicine with Shelter Systems
(3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6811
Shelter Animal Physical Health
(3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6812
Shelter Animal Behavior and Welfare
(3-credits; letter-graded)

Proposed Requirements

Response:

VME 6810 Integrating Veterinary Medicine with Shelter Systems (3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6811 Shelter Animal Physical Health, (3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6813 Behavioral Health of Shelter Dogs and Cats (3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6815 Animal Shelter Population Management by the Metrics (3 credits; letter-graded)

VME 6816 The Role of the Animal Shelter in Protecting Community and Public Health (3 credits; letter-graded)

Impact on Program

Response:
Changing the certificate from 9 to 15 credits will increase course selection for students, increase course enrollments, and align the program with the current knowledge base required for entry-level professionals in this field.

Rationale for Proposed Change(s)

Response:

Since the inception of the Graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine, shelter medicine has become a recognized specialty area within veterinary medicine resulting in an explosion of research and best practices for life-saving of homeless pets. Expanding and adjusting the core courses required to earn the Graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine better reflects the current knowledge base needed to enter this discipline ready-to-practice and thus will add value for students who complete the credential.

Assessment Data Review
Describe the Student Learning Outcome and/or program goal data that was reviewed to support the proposed changes.

Response:

Educational Goals:

1. Know the critical role played by shelter professionals in protecting the health and welfare of sheltered pets, the public, and the community.
2. Recognize and respond to compromised physical health of sheltered animals.
3. Recognize and respond to compromised behavioral health of sheltered animals.
4. Understand population metrics and be able to perform basic population data analyses needed to design effective animal population management strategies.

Academic Assessment Plan Changes
Describe the modifications to the Academic Assessment Plan that result from the proposed change. These changes must be approved by the Academic Assessment Committee. A separate request must be completed for this, which can be found here: https://approval.ufl.edu/start-new-request/modify-aapslo-gradpro/

Response: No modifications requested.

Current Requirements		Credits
VME 6810 Integrating Veterinary Medicine with Shelter Systems		3
VME 6811 Shelter Animal Physical Health		3
VME 6812 Shelter Animal Behavior and Welfare		3

Total: 9

Proposed Requirements		Credits
VME 6810 Integrating Veterinary Medicine with Shelter Systems		3
VME 6811 Shelter Animal Physical Health		3
VME 6813 Behavioral Health for Shelter Dogs and Cats		3
VME 6815 Animal Shelter Population Management by the Metrics		3
VME 6816 The Role of the Animal Shelter in Protecting Community and Public Health		3

Total: 15