

## **Department Reorganization Proposal**

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics and Public Health Sciences

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THE PROPOSAL presented is to merge the Public Health Sciences Discipline with the Kinesiology, Health, and Athletics Department, beginning in the fall of 2025.

## Summary

The Kinesiology, Health, and Athletics (KINS) Department and the Public Health Sciences (PBHS) discipline are seeking approval to allow the PBHS discipline to join the Kinesiology, Health, and Athletics Department. Currently, the PBHS discipline is housed under the authority of the Behavioral Sciences department but is part of the Health Sciences Pathway. Faculty in the Kinesiology Department meet minimum qualifications to teach all of the courses in the Public Health curriculum. This move will allow the discipline to be better aligned with another like-minded discipline, Kinesiology, which is also part of the Health Sciences Pathway. It is important to note that, if approved, while Public Health would be moving into the Kinesiology Department, the existing Public Health policies will still be adhered to when it comes to issues related to the Public Health Sciences Major.

Enabling the reorganization will allow for better allocations of faculty resources, scheduling, classrooms, grants, classroom goals, CTE alignment, and marketing. Public Health Sciences is a natural fit for the Kinesiology Department because both disciplines are under the Health Sciences Pathway and have similar funding opportunities.

This proposal has the support of both the Kinesiology Faculty and the Public Health Sciences Faculty, as well as, both Deans who supervise each department.

## Expansion

The goal of the PBHS discipline is to expand its courses and program offerings to all of our KCCD campuses. Currently, the PBHS discipline has only two full-time faculty members and a few adjunct faculty members. To meet the expansion goals the discipline requires faculty who meet minimum qualifications to teach these courses. The Kinesiology, Health, and Athletics Department houses 17 full-time faculty members who possess the minimum qualifications to teach all of the PBHS courses.

## Precedence

A precedence for this natural reorganization already exists across the state of California at multiple higher education institutions. It is very common for the discipline of PBHS to be housed under the Kinesiology Department. Below are a few examples where this model exists.



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**Conclusion**

Due to Kinesiology and Public Health Sciences both being part of the Health Sciences pathway, they can greatly benefit from shared faculty resources, scheduling, classrooms, grants, classroom goals, CTE alignment, and marketing. Public Health Sciences is a natural fit for the Kinesiology Department. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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