

School of Medicine Justifications Master of Family Therapy/Services

Martha Fennell has a Master of Family Studies degree. She has engaged in independent study in gender issues and how they impact on individual and family growth and development. She consulted with Program Director extensively regarding the course content, establishing goals for the class, and particular teaching methods, styles, tests, assignments, projects and grades. Fennell has engaged the Program Director on a regular basis to discuss issues relevant to the class, and the assignment of grades.

Jane Hardee has a master's degree in Clinical Social Work and has been licensed as an independent practitioner in Georgia for years. She has years of experience in working in a major psychiatric practice. In addition, she has participated in sessions with a PhD faculty member from the Behavioral Science faculty

Edward Ruffin has the unique background as a practicing clinician and highly qualified administrator. He has been licensed in Georgia as a Clinical Social Worker for many years and has served as head administrator of Coliseum Psychiatric Hospital. Currently, he serves as Child, Adolescent and Family Division Director in a major community.

Laura M. Bowen co-taught the Adult Development class with the Director of the Program who co-determined books, assignments, goals, objectives, tests, projects, and grading all of which are determined in large part by the national professional accrediting body. Currently, she serves as the College Counselor at Macon State College to young and middle aged adults. She has several years of experience as human resources director in a mental health hospital. She has experience working on a psychiatric unit with patients diagnosed with dementia and their families.

Master of Public Health

Meredith Dykes, Kathryn Martin and Mary Mathis were the principal instructors for MPH 601, 651 and 664 respectively.

In the initial years of the program, the focus of faculty recruitment and hiring was on master's prepared individuals. Since July 2003, faculty recruitment and hiring has focused on individuals with doctoral degrees. Three full time doctoral level faculty members were recruited and hired to teach in the MPH degree program during the fall term, 2003. Since adding these faculty members, the program's practice has been to assign doctoral level faculty as course directors whenever possible. For courses with on-line components, a master's level instructor is assigned to facilitate and coordinate the on-line course offerings under the direction of the doctoral level course director.

The MPH Practicum Experience (MPH 696) is coordinated by Mary Mathis. The student's experience and grading is monitored by a three member faculty committee. At least two of the committee members must be full-time in the department. Additionally, one or more members must have a Ph.D. or other terminal degree. Mary Mathis was instructor for the on-line component of course MPH 621.12. Haomiao Jia, Ph.D. was the principal faculty member responsible for content, evaluation, grading and general oversight of the delivery of course material.

Monita Outland was instructor for the on-line component of course MPH 631.11. Rene Sanchez, MD, MPH was the principal faculty member responsible for content, evaluation, grading and general oversight of the delivery of course material.

Krista Swanson was instructor for the on-line component of course MPH 601.11. Meredith Dykes, MPH was the principal faculty member responsible for content, evaluation, grading and general oversight of the delivery of course material.

Krista Swanson was instructor for the on-line component of course MPH 611.12. Ike Okosun, Ph.D. was the principal faculty member responsible for content, evaluation, grading and general oversight of the delivery of course material.

Lalitha Weerasuriya is the instructor for MPH 665, Geographic Information Systems in the Technology Skill Path. She is the only local instructor with specialized skills and training in this specialized software system that is emerging as a useful public health practice tool. She is also a certified Cisco Network Associate and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

Gayle Bina is the instructor for MPH 641.03 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, a core MPH course. She is the only local community health educator with extensive work-site health promotion and education experience combined with an appropriate academic preparation (MS in Community Health Education). She has taught this course content annually since the 1998-1999 Academic Year.

All medical student tutorial sessions for the Community Epidemiology course are supervised by Ike Okosun, Ph.D. Dr. Okosun is the faculty member responsible for assigning student grades. During this term, Sundra Woodford, M.H.A. was a co-tutor with William F. Bina, MD, MPH.

