

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 02**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES TO THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish or approve policies and procedures governing admissions, curricula, programs, graduation, the awarding of degrees, and general policy for the components of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §308.1 , associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree programs may be added or transferred within the University upon recommendation by the Chief Academic Officer and the President and after approval by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed program transfer from the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) better aligns the Community Health Sciences (CHES) program more suitably in CAS, specifically under the Division of Health and Social Work (DHSW) because Community Health Sciences professionals participate in community education, program development, and counseling-related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer includes all Community Health Sciences program-related budget lines and faculty, ensuring that the result is cost neutral; experiential learning requirements such as clinical or internship placements will continue under existing partnerships; and the program will utilize existing educational and program-specific infrastructure housed in CAUSES; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration proposes to transfer the Community Health Sciences program from the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences to the College of Arts and Sciences, and the proposed transfer has been approved by all required levels of the administration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the program transfer in accordance with the attached justification memorandum.

Submitted by the Academic & Student Affairs Committee:

March 3, 2026

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

March 10, 2026

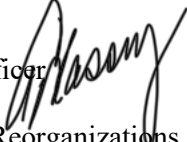


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Chairperson of the Board

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Maurice D. Edington, Ph.D., President

**FROM:** April Massey, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer 

**RE:** Statements of Justification — Academic Reorganizations / Academic Program Relocations —  
B.S. in Community Health Sciences from CAUSES to CAS

**DATE:** January 22, 2026

**B.S. in Community Health Sciences (CHES):**

Following conversations with program faculty and leadership across the Colleges of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences and Arts and Sciences, it has been determined that the full value of the new Community Health Sciences program is best realized in the College of Arts and Sciences. This decision is based on the cluster of programs that the program would be housed with, particularly in the allied health and behavioral health sciences. Moreover, assignment of the program to CAS offers necessary proximity to the life sciences, biology and chemistry. The alignment of Community Health Sciences under the CAS banner facilitates intentional collaborations for delivering the program, conducting joint research, submitting grant proposals, and fleshing out and delivering the epidemiological basis of the program.

Because the CHES program involves community interaction, education, community program development, and activities related informally to counseling, its transfer to CAS also facilitates interaction, collaboration, and cross-pollination between and among curricula with potential cross-listings benefiting both programs. Likewise, the transfer produces potential synergy between CAS programs and CHES for interprofessional capstone experiences and associated research.

Moreover, repositioning the program in CAS connects the students to academic opportunities above the baccalaureate degree. For example, the transfer enhances visibility of pathways for progression into CAS graduate programs such as Adult Education, Clinical Mental Health and Rehab Counseling, and the new Master of Social Work, to name a few.

The transfer of the Community Health Sciences program to CAS will be effective August 16, 2026.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Managing Director of Finance *David A. Franklin*

**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Transfer of the Community Health Sciences (B.S.) Program to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

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### Conclusion

It is projected that there are sufficient unrestricted funds in the University of the District of Columbia's FY2026 budget—and beyond—to cover the cost of transferring the Community Health Sciences (CHS) (B.S.) program from the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

### Background

The proposed program transfer is designed to better align the recently established Community Health Sciences program more suitably in CAS, specifically under the Division of Health and Social Work (DHS), and in close alignment with the College's Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, specifically the Psychology program and its work targeting social determinants of health. Because the CHS program involves community interaction, health prevention education, community program development, and activities related informally to counseling, its transfer enables interaction, collaboration, and cross-pollination between students in CHS and the DHS programs, both undergrad and—especially—graduate. The move enhances pathways for progression into CAS graduate programs, so early affiliation with those graduate programs could enable CHS students to move seamlessly into graduate programs in Clinical Mental Health and Rehab Counseling, to name a few. Likewise, there is potential for synergy between Social Work and CHS, including “inter-professional” capstone experiences. Opportunities to share curricular components involving community engagement and community program development similarly exist for faculty of Community Health Sciences and those in DHS. The transfer of the CHS program to CAS will be effective May 16, 2026.

### Financial Impact

This move entails the transfer of all Community Health Sciences program-related budget lines and faculty, and the result is therefore cost neutral. As needed, the program will utilize existing program infrastructure houses in CAUSES. Experiential learning requirements such as clinical or internship placements will continue under existing partnerships established to support the CHS program. The current CHS program leadership will fall under the Division of Health and Social Work.

There are no anticipated risks at this time.