Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in conversations within the ASM community about the issue of microbiology being reduced in or eliminated from some nursing curricula. ASM is planning to form a Task Committee to address this practice. Our focus, at least in the beginning, will primarily be on two-year college programs that have successfully worked with local organizations to retain micro in their curriculum. We would like to use these programs as models in a toolkit to help other two-year programs. Ultimately, we’re planning for the Task Committee to author guidelines and prepare a toolkit; an ASM statement on the issue will be developed as well.

If you’re interested in being part of this Task Committee, please send a brief description (500 words or less) of your model (if your program has encountered this issue and successfully retained micro in the curriculum) and/or expertise to education@asmusa.org. Please explain the challenge you faced (e.g., elimination of labs or reduction in credit hours), your solution, and a description of the stakeholders involved (e.g. local or regional credentialing organizations, your institution). To be considered, please provide this information by December 15, 2016. It is expected that this Task Committee will meet virtually over six months, beginning in January 2017.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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