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Six short points in favor of granting GE Natural Science credit for EHST 2110/2111:

1. Disciplined study of the environmental health issues and applications of technology leads to improved understanding of natural sciences. This is more especially true because the teaching faculty have practical experience in their field of teaching expertise.
2. Students completing these courses would be empowered with understanding. They would not be asked to be technicians or practitioners unless they are majors in the discipline.
3. EHST graduates are well schooled in both basic sciences and in applications courses in the major.
4. Community colleges do not produce the professionals needed in the occupational specialty positions filled by our graduates. (Professional Registration and Credentialing do not recognize community college graduates at the same level.)
5. These courses strengthen the educational opportunities at ECU. They provide challenging and stimulating courses to enable students to explore environmental and health issues in a disciplined setting. These courses contribute to the student's sense of wonder and inquiry.
6. Society will be well served if ECU students are motivated by disciplined inquiry into some of the more challenging natural science issues included in these courses. Food safety, security of resources, technology of safe water, food, and air, and short and long-term threats to a healthy environment are all topics receiving examination.

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