



**GRADUATE COUNCIL
PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL**

**It is required that you follow this format when presenting
a Graduate Program for review and approval.**

Please submit the typed original with all required signatures to the Graduate Council.

Form functionality most compatible using Adobe Acrobat 9 and newer.

Title of Program: Elementary Education, M.Ed. Professional Licensure

Department or other unit proposing the Program Change: Education

Contact Person: Nancy Murray

List Members of the Graduate Curriculum Committee: Ruth Joseph (Chair), Janna Heiligenstein (Chair), Anne Howard, Nancy Murray, Robert Shapiro, William Cortezia, Lyndsey Benharris

This refers to a (check all that apply): ☐ Certificate Program ☒ Teacher Licensure Program ☐ Degree Program

Briefly describe program change to the existing program as it will appear in university catalog:
Removal of the Graduate Elementary Education M.Ed.. Professional Licensure program.

Population/anticipated enrollment/staffing plan (i.e., Who/how many will program serve?)

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There are currently only 9 students enrolled in the program.

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Individuals seeking Professional Licensure in Elementary Education can do so by earning a master's degree which includes 12 content/pedagogy credits. Our current Department of Elementary and Secondary approved professional licensure program includes 9 candidates. Since the program is not a cohort model and individuals select their own courses, there is significant difficulty running the program courses due to consistent low enrollment. Elementary professional licensure candidates can take courses related to content/pedagogy, including EDUC, READ, SPED, and any content prefix as long as it relates to content and or pedagogy for the elementary classroom. Utilizing our existing and healthy Curriculum and Teaching Graduate Program to provide a pathway to professional licensure for elementary candidates makes academic as well as economic sense. Approved ESE programs for licensure require extensive program self-study and documentation. Elimination of this program eliminates the need to complete the ESE Program Approval Process for the Elementary Education Professional Licensure program.

While we would not accept any more students in this program, we will teach out our current students.

Does the program run on cohort model? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will additional faculty be needed, day/adjunct? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Implementation plan for Program Change: what semester will change take effect?

Fall 2018

All candidates will be advised into the Curriculum and Teaching program, allowing them to complete the masters they began with Fitchburg State University.

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An old and new plan of study must be included with this proposal (Please use template for program revision).

If new courses are proposed or major changes are made to existing courses, submit a Graduate Council New Course Approval form. Attach any letter(s) of support from professional agencies or others within or outside the university.

- ☐ Old Plan of Study is Attached
☐ New Plan of Study is Attached
☒ Reviewed by Dean: Dr. Bruno Hicks

[Print Form](#)**Required Signatures—Graduate and Continuing Education Program Change Approval**

Changed Program Initiator:

Nancy L. Minay

Date:

3/19/18

Department Chair:

Nancy L. Minay

Date:

3/19/18

Graduate Council Chair:

Rebecca Sapporone

Date:

4/3/18

(Indicates Graduate Council approval)

President:

Michael S. Japich

Date:

5/5/18