

**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: Early Childhood Education, M.Ed. Professional Licensure

Department or other unit proposing the Program Change: Education

Contact Person: Lyndsey Benharris

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 Early Childhood Education M.Ed.. Professional Licensure program.

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

There are currently only 8 students enrolled in the program. There have been no new applicants or accepted students this year (2018).

Rationale and expected outcomes for program change:

Individuals seeking Professional Licensure in Early Childhood Education can do so by earning a master's degree which includes 12 content/pedagogy credits. Our current Early Childhood Education approved professional licensure program includes 8 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.

Early Childhood Education 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 early childhood classroom.

Utilizing our existing and healthy Curriculum and Teaching Graduate Program to provide a pathway to professional licensure for early childhood 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 Early Childhood Education Professional Licensure program.

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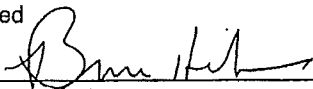
An old and new plan of study must be included with this proposal (Please use template for program revision).

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: _____

**Required Signatures - Graduate and Continuing Education Program Change Approval**

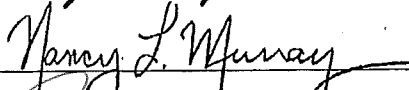
Changed Program Initiator: _____



Date: _____

4/24/18

Department Chair: _____



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Graduate Council Chair: _____

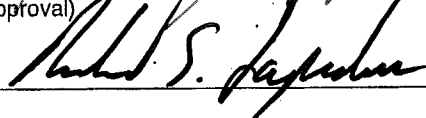


Date: _____

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(Indicates Graduate Council approval)

President: _____



Date: _____

5/13/18