



ACADEMIC PROPOSAL

Date Received by Committee Chair 3/13/06

- 1. Teacher Education Committee on (date submitted) _____
- 2. Academic Affairs Committee on (date submitted) _____
- 3. Graduate Affairs on (date submitted) 03/13/2006

From (School/Department) School of Education

Signature of Unit Head _____

Person to be Contacted Dr. Lettie Watford, Interim Dean

Type of Action (check one): Addition Deletion Substantive Change
 Submission for File Other (please specify) _____

Action desired for (check one): Program Course Other (specify) _____
Course/Program Name and (for courses) Course Description and Hours Credit:

Specialist in Education(Early Childhood and Middle Grades)

Brief Description of Proposal:

Change requirement number (1) under admission to the programs as follows:
 Delete the following statement: "Consideration may be given to applicants who have an undergraduate major or 21-27 semester hours in approved courses in the planned graduate field of study."
 Add the following:
 "who hold a Master's degree in a different education field and current Georgia T-5 certification in the planned graduate field of study. Additional course work may be required."

This section to be completed by appropriate Committee Chair (and Secretary of Faculty Senate):

Check Committee taking Action:

(1) Teacher Education Committee (2) Academic Affairs (3) Graduate Affairs

Action taken by Committee: (Check One) Approved Not Approved Tabled

Comments/Reasons for Non Approval or Tabling:

Signature of Chair *Cynthia Howell* Date 4/3/06

Requires action of the Faculty Senate and Faculty? Yes or No (Check one)

Faculty Senate Action: Forwarded by the Senate to the Faculty (Check one):
 With Endorsement Without Endorsement, or Remanded back to Committee

Signature of Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

1. Will this proposal change the requirements for any degree program? If so, explain and attach existing and proposed program sheets with changes clearly marked.

Yes, this proposal will change the requirements for admission in the Specialist in Education program for Early Childhood and Middle School. The proposal is attached to this form.

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2. Is the proposed course/program recommended or required by an accrediting agency? Is so, explain.

No.

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3. Is the proposed course/program substantially similar to an existing one in another GSW department or school? Is so, explain and justify.

No.

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4. Justification and/or objectives for proposal (including relationship to GSW Strategic plan, if appropriate).

With this change in our admission requirements, we will be able to admit teachers to our Specialist in Education programs who have acquired their T-4 Certification through alternate routes as granted by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. These teachers have also completed requirements for the T-5 certification in Georgia.

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5. What additional resources will be required to implement the proposal? Faculty? Facilities? Equipment? Library holdings? Others?

None.

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6. What impact will this proposal have on other courses, programs, departments, schools, or units?

This should increase graduate enrollment in the School of Education.

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7. Anticipated start date: Summer, 2006

8. Estimated number of students enrolled first semester: ~10 Enrolled on a continuing basis _____

9. Required attachments for this proposal:

- Course outlines must include the course number, course title, course description for the Bulletin (followed by credit hour designations including lab hours, if appropriate), course content, and learning objectives for the course. A suggested text and a bibliography may be included as well.
- Proposals for new degree must include a curriculum sheet.
- Proposals for changes in degree programs must include existing and proposed curriculum sheets with changes clearly marked.

TO: ljw@gsw.edu

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS PROPOSAL
CHANGE IN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
October 28, 2005

Specialist in Education (Early Childhood and Middle Grades)

Proposal: Delete requirement for Master's degree in the planned field of study. Add requirement for T-5 certification in the field.

Change wording for requirements to read as follows: *(changes in italics)*

Admission Requirements

- 1) Master's degree from an accredited college or university in the same field as the Ed.S. program to which the applicant is seeking admission. Consideration may be given to applicants ~~who have an undergraduate major or 21-27 semester hours in approved courses in the planned graduate field of study.~~ *who hold a Master's degree in a different education field and current Georgia T-5 certification in the planned graduate field of study. Additional coursework may be required.*
- 2) Eligibility for Georgia T-5 teaching certificate in the same field.
- 3) 3.25 overall graduate GPA.
- 4) 3 years acceptable teaching experience.
- 5) A minimum score of 48 (408) on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or a total of 900 on the verbal and quantitative subtests of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- 6) Three letters of recommendation.

OR

- 1) Master's degree from a University System of Georgia institution within the last 5 years in the same field.
- 2) 3.50 overall graduate GPA.
- 3) A current Georgia T-5 certificate in the same field.*

* All other requirements waived.

Voted and approved by SOE Faculty on October 28, 2005.