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MEMORANDUM

TO: College and University Approval Committees
FROM: Robert G. McKenzie *RGM*
LBD Program Faculty Chair
DATE: November 16, 2007
SUBJECT: Proposal to delete two program options

The LBD Program faculty voted to approve the deletion of two program options in the Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD) program. These program options required dual certification in LBD and either Early Elementary Education or Middle School Education. The faculty of the department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Counseling on October 2, 2007 approved this proposal unanimously. Below is a brief overview of the rationale for deleting these program options.

Until approximately fifteen years ago, the state of Kentucky required all undergraduate LBD majors to attain dual certification in LBD and either elementary or middle grades education. These programs far exceeded the minimum number of credit hours necessary for graduation and commonly resulted in five years of study. When the state lifted the requirement for dual certification, many colleges and universities created "single certification/stand alone" programs that led to certification in LBD. However, there were also several institutions that maintained the dual certification requirement, including the University of Kentucky. In 2004, the LBD program faculty created a third option, the LBD solo-certification, which was approved by the department, college, and University.

Our proposal to delete the dual major/certificate options is based on the data we have gathered since the "solo" option became available several years ago. First, the number of students who continued to choose the dual major program diminished markedly. Currently, less than 20% of our majors select the Early Elementary dual option and approximately 5% choose the Middle Grades option. Second, the LBD "solo" option added several new required courses and extended student teaching to two placements rather than one (i.e., under the "dual" options, student teaching was divided to account for one placement in each certification area). In order to maintain the rigor of the "solo" option, a merger into the elementary and middle grades programs for the purposes of maintaining dual options would result in the following credit requirements: Elementary + LBD = 144 – 151 credits; Middle Grades + LBD = 157 – 169 credits. In each case, those credit hour requirements far exceed what had been required under existing dual

programs. Third, the trend to eliminating dual program requirements is evident nationally. Based on a March 2007 survey of over 100 colleges and universities representing 44 states, only 33% require dual certification of undergraduate LBD majors. Further, of those programs, 40% indicated that they were in the process of eliminating that requirement. Fourth, it is important to recognize that UK students continue to have the opportunity to attain dual certification via graduate programs. That is, students may attain elementary or middle grade certification at the undergraduate level and pursue LBD certification through graduate, Fifth Year programs. Indeed, that route toward dual certification is considerably more efficacious and cost efficient (i.e., advancement from Rank III to Rank II) than completing a dual certification program as an undergraduate.

I will be happy to respond to any questions that may arise. My office phone number is 257-5895 and my e-mail address is rmcke2@email.uky.edu.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Undergraduate Council
FROM: Rosetta F. Sandidge *RFS*
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Services
TOPICS: Changes to Undergraduate Programs
DATE: November 27, 2007

The faculty of the College of Education approves and is requesting Undergraduate Council consideration of the following.

Deletion of Undergraduate Degree Program: Dual certification in Learning Behavior Disorders and Early Elementary Education

Deletion of Undergraduate Degree Program: Dual certification in Learning Behavior Disorders and Middle School Education

Attachments

UNIVERSITY SENATE ROUTING LOG

Proposal Title: Delete undergraduate (B.A.) program option: Dual certification in Learning & Behavior Disorders (LBD) and Early Elementary Education
Name/email/phone for proposal contact: Robert G. McKenzie (rmcke2@email.uky.edu) (257-5895)

Instruction: To facilitate the processing of this proposal please identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal, identify a contact person for each entry, provide the consequences of the review (specifically, approval, rejection, no decision and vote outcome, if any) and please attach a copy of any report or memorandum developed with comments on this proposal.

Reviewed by: (Chairs, Directors, Faculty Groups, Faculty Councils, Committees, etc)	Contact person Name (phone/email)	Consequences of Review:	Date of Proposal Review	Review Summary Attached? (yes or no)
Departmental Faculty	Robert G. McKenzie (257-5895) rmcke2@email.uky.edu	approved	10/2/07	yes
Courses & Curricula	Lee Ann Jung ljung@uky.edu	approved	10/31/07	Yes
College Faculty	Rosetta Sandidge sandidg@uky.edu	approved	11/20/07	Yes

SUSPENSION/DELETION OF A PROGRAM

College Education Date October 2, 2007
 Department (Unit) Special Education & Rehabilitation Counseling MAJOR CODE _____
 Name of Program B.A. Learning & Behavior Disorders (LBD) Dual Certification Program in Early Elementary CIP _____

Nature of action (mark one) Suspension Deletion

Reason for suspension/deletion
 Combining the requirements of the existing LBD single-certificate program with the revised Early Elementary program would necessitate between 144-151 credit hours.
 Since the single-certificate LBD option became available, students seeking dual certification rapidly declined and constituted less than 20% of LBD applicants.

What provisions are being made for students already in the program?
 Students who were admitted to Teacher Education under the "dual" program option are permitted to complete the program (all required courses remain available).

Will another degree program replace the one suspended or deleted? Yes No
 If yes, please describe the new program.

Delete undergraduate (B.A.) program option: Dual certification in Learning & Behavior Disorders (LBD) and Early Elementary Education

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Will courses connected with the program also be deleted? Yes No
 If yes, forms for dropping a course or courses should be attached.

Date at which suspension/deletion will take effect. Fall 2008

Signatures of Approval

10/2/07
 Date of Approval by Department Faculty

11/20/07
 Date of Approval by College Faculty

January 15, 2008
 *Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council

 *Date of Approval by Graduate Council

 *Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

 *Date of Approval by Senate Council

 *Date of Approval by University Senate
 *If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

Debra A. Huley
 Reported by Department Chair

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 Reported by College Dean

Sharon ...
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 Reported by Graduate Council Chair

 Reported by HCCC Chair

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