

## CHANGE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	Education	Department:	Educational Leadership Studies
Current Major Name:	Educational Leadership Studies	Proposed Major Name:	
Current Degree Title:	EdS	Proposed Degree Title:	
Formal Option(s):		Proposed Formal Option(s):	
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:		Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:	
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration <sup>1</sup> :	3/23/10		
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	CIP Code <sup>1</sup> :	13.0401	Today's Date:
			3/23/10
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):	NCATE		
Requested Effective Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.		OR <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date <sup>2</sup> :
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### 2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)	9	
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)	N/A	
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	N/A	
4. Termination criteria		
5. Plan A Degree Plan requirements <sup>3</sup> (thesis)	Thesis	<i>Drop thesis</i>
6. Plan B Degree Plan requirements <sup>3</sup> (non-thesis)		<i>Change to non-thesis</i>
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)	36-39	30
8. Required courses (if applicable)	Courses appropriate to program (e.g., Principal Preparation, Supervisor of Instruction)	<i>Courses appropriate for any program in department</i>
9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
10. Final examination requirements	Oral exam	<i>Oral exam</i>

<sup>1</sup> Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the APAA can provide you with that during the contact.

<sup>2</sup> Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

<sup>3</sup> If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

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11. Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).

N/A

12. List any other requirements not covered above?

None

13. Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

According to page 60 in the UK Graduate Bulletin, the Specialist in Education (EdS) requires "a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate work beyond the master's degree, of which at least 15 must be in courses numbered 600 or above. A departmental committee is responsible for helping students plan individual programs. The program should contribute to specialization in a field but should not neglect the broader development of the individual. The student must complete an independent research project (equal to three but not to exceed 6 credit hours) and submit a written report, a copy of which is to be filed with the department directing the research."

The current Specialist in Education (EdS) degree in Educational Leadership Studies "requires 33 credits of formal coursework" (p. 168) and enrollment in "EDL 785 Independent Work in School Administration for at least 3 credit hours or for a maximum of 6 credit hours" (p. 169). In other words, a total of 36-39 credit hours of coursework, which is 3 credits less than the 42 credit hours required for the Doctorate in Education (EdD) program. According to the UK Graduate Bulletin (p. 74), the EdS in Educational Leadership Studies is the only program that (a) is thesis based and (b) requires more than 30 credit hours.

A recent review of student files was conducted. Among the 61 who enrolled as EdS-seeking students in the principal certification program and completed the required 33 credits of coursework for certification, only 3 completed a thesis and were awarded the EdS. Among the remaining 58 students, 7 changed program designation to MEd (awarded degree), 4 changed program to CERT (non-degree), and 45 have not progressed toward degree completion--even those participating actively in a "EdS support group" facilitated by the DGS. Most of these 45 individuals assumed leadership positions in schools or districts and simply do not have time to complete a formal thesis.

EDL is under an EPSB mandate to redesign its principal certification program at a post-master's level. EDL will use the EdS as the post-master's degree in which certification and Rank 1 are accomplished. This would resolve the issue of non-completion rates in the future EdS program.

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### Signature Routing Log

**General Information:**



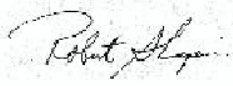
Proposal Name: EdS in Educational Leadership Studies

Proposal Contact Person Name: Tricia Browne-Ferrigno Phone: 257-5504 Email: tricia.ferrigno@uky.edu

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

**Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:**

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
EDL	3/23/10	Lars Bjork / 257-2450 / lbjor1@uky.edu	
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College of Education	4/13/10	Rob Shapiro 257-9795 / rshap@1@uky.edu	
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**External-to-College Approvals:**

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision <sup>4</sup>
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

<sup>4</sup> Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.