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April 14, 2023

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to offer a new Area of Emphasis in Behavior Analysis under Special Education (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the April 21, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: February 7, 2023

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Communication Sciences and Special Education

Program (Major and Degree): Special Education (Ph.D.)

Area of Emphasis Title: Behavior Analysis

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023

CIP: 42281401

1. Area of Emphasis Description:

The scientific approach to human and animal behavior referred to as behavior analysis cuts across multiple disciplines. Individuals trained at the doctoral level work in numerous settings beyond academia (e.g., clinics, hospitals, schools, and business). The aim of this area of emphasis is to help graduates distinguish themselves with a terminal degree in this field which is also recognized by one of the accrediting bodies with a specific certification standard. The Behavior Analysis Certification Board has designated a specific certification level for individuals holding a doctoral degree with an emphasis in behavior analysis. The courses listed below represent the minimum coursework required to achieve this area of emphasis. For each of the listed courses below with variable credit, the minimum number of course credits to be taken for each course is three. Some of the courses are broad but can be focused to provide scholars with appropriate experiences to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and skill (e.g. EDSE 9800, Advanced Practicum in Special Education). The major in Special Education (Ph.D.) requires a minimum of 45 hours, including research, directed study, and dissertation work.

2. Area of Emphasis Requirements:

- EDSE 8000, Directed Study in Special Education (1-12 hours, minimum 3 hours)
- EDSE 8230, Professional Ethics for Behavior Analysts (3 hours)
- EDSE 8370, Single-Subject Research Methodology in Special Education (3 hours)
- EDSE 8990, Research Seminar in Special Education (1-3 hours, minimum 3 hours)
- EDSE 9600, Issues and Trends in Special Education (3 hours)
- EDSE 9800, Advanced Practicum in Special Education (1-12 hours, minimum 3 hours)
- EDSE 9930, Internship: College Teaching in Special Education (1-12 hours, minimum 3 hours)
- EDSE 9940, Internship: Supervision of Special Education Teachers (1-12 hours, minimum 3 hours)

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Area of Emphasis in Behavior Analysis under Special Education (Ph.D.)

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Communication Sciences and Special Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2023

Approvals:

- Communication Sciences and Special Education department head, Dr. Bethany Hamilton-Jones, 2/7/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 2/16/23
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/7/23
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 4/6/23