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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to change the name of the following area of emphasis under the major in Education (Ed.S.) will be an agenda item for the January 21, 2022, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education

To: Area of Emphasis in Elementary Education

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

**Date:** September 9, 2021

**Department/Division:** Educational Theory and Practice

**School/College/Unit:** Mary Frances Early College of Education

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2022

### PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

**Current Program Name:** Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.)

**Proposed Program Name:** Area of Emphasis in Elementary Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.)

### JUSTIFICATION:

In the fall of 2019, the department initiated a change in major name from Early Childhood Education (B.S.Ed., M.A.T., M.Ed.) to Elementary Education (B.S.Ed., M.A.T., M.Ed.). This change was necessary to align the major name with the teaching certificate granted by the state of Georgia, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. At that time, the associated course prefix was also changed to EDEL, Elementary Education. The department now requests this area of emphasis be changed from Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.) to the proposed name of Area of Emphasis in Elementary Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.).

This name change in the area of emphasis will be more clearly aligned with the B.S.Ed., M.A.T., and M.Ed. majors and better communicate to students the focus of this area of emphasis.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Name Change of the Area of Emphasis in Early Childhood Education to the Area of Emphasis in Elementary Education under the major in Education (Ed.S.)

**College:** Mary Frances Early College of Education

**Department:** Educational Theory and Practice

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2022

Department:

- Educational Theory and Practice Department Head, Dr. Julie Kittleson, 9/9/21

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 9/23/21

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 10/13/21