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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy to the Area of Emphasis in Couple and Family Therapy under the major in Human Development and Family Science (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the March 17, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

**Date:** January 18, 2023

**Department/Division:** Human Development and Family Science

**School/College/Unit:** College of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Major:** Human Development and Family Science (Ph.D.)

**CIP:** 51150500

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2023

### PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

**Current Program Name:** Area of Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy

**Proposed Program Name:** Area of Emphasis in Couple and Family Therapy

### JUSTIFICATION:

The department is requesting to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy to the Area of Emphasis in Couple and Family Therapy. The new name of the area of emphasis does not change any content of the program. The reason for this request is two-fold: First, the term "Couple and Family Therapy" communicates more effectively the program's value of inclusivity. Second, this name change will help family and social science graduates by providing an area of emphasis that is easily understood by outside institutions because the new title is more consistently used by peer and aspirational institutions. The change of name will keep UGA current with the changing trends in the field of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS). The requested change was unanimously supported by the HDFS departmental graduate committee and by a full vote of the HDFS faculty.

## Name Change Approval Page

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Proposed Program Name: Area of Emphasis in Couple and Family Therapy

Effective term: Fall 2023

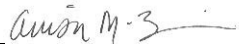
Department: Human Development and Family Science

Department Head Name (print): April Few-Demo

Department Head (sign and date):  01/24/2023

School/College; Family and Consumer Sciences

Dean Name (print): Anisa Zvonkovic

Dean (sign and date):  1/25/2023

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy to the Area of Emphasis in Couple and Family Therapy under the major in Human Development and Family Science (Ph.D.)

**College:** Family and Consumer Sciences

**Department:** Human Development and Family Science

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2023

### Approvals:

- Human Development and Family Science Department Head, Dr. April Few-Demo, 1/24/23
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean Dr. Anisa Zvonkovic, 1/25/23
- Graduate School Associate Dean Dr. Anne Shaffer, 2/9/23