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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Instructional Design and Development under the major in Learning, Design, and Technology (Ed.S.) on the Athens campus will be an agenda item for the April 22, 2022, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION OF AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

**Date:** February 15, 2022

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

**Department/Division:** Career and Information Studies

**Area of emphasis to be terminated:** Instructional Design and Development – Athens Campus only

**Major(s) and degree(s) the area of emphasis is offered under?** Learning, Design, and Technology (Ed.S.)

**Which campus(es) offer this area of emphasis?** Athens and Gwinnett

**Proposed effective date:** Fall 2022

**Last date students will be admitted to this area of emphasis:** Summer 2020

**Last date students will complete this area of emphasis:** Fall 2021

**1. Why is this area of emphasis being proposed for termination?**

The Learning, Design, and Technology program no longer has a need for this area of emphasis under the major in Learning, Design, and Technology (Ed.S.). The Area of Emphasis in Instructional Design and Development (IDD) was designed for students seeking to enter the workforce and, for that goal, an M.Ed. is needed. The department has no plans to offer the Area of Emphasis in Instructional Design and Development at the educational specialist level, nor any plans to do so in the future.

**2. What will be done to ensure that termination of the area of emphasis does not weaken the major(s) under which it is offered?**

The department offers an Area of Emphasis in Instructional Technology for students pursuing Learning, Design, and Technology (Ed.S.). Those students are practicing PK-12 teachers who seek Instructional Technology as an emphasis area.

**3. How will faculty and staff be notified of the termination? Will termination of the area of emphasis have any impact on the faculty and staff offering the area of emphasis?**

The Learning, Design, and Technology (LDT) program coordinator will notify the LDT faculty and the Student Affairs Specialist in the department of this change. The termination will not affect faculty, as the program faculty have no plans for this area of emphasis and support terminating it.

**4. How will students be notified of the termination? How will students currently in the area of emphasis be advised to complete the requirements?**

There are currently no students in this area of emphasis.

**5. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the area of emphasis?**

There are no plans to reactivate this area of emphasis, primarily because there is no market for it at the Ed.S. level.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Instructional Design and Development under the major in Learning, Design, and Technology (Ed.S.) on the Athens campus only

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

**Department:** Career and Information Studies

**Proposed Effective Term:** Fall 2022

Department:

- Career and Information Studies Department Head, Dr. Lloyd Rieber, 2/15/22

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 3/29/22
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 2/15/22

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 4/11/22