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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to terminate the major in Educational Psychology (Ph.D.) on the Gwinnett campus only will be an agenda item for the April 17, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

# PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

**Date:** November 4, 2019

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

**Department/Division:** Department of Educational Psychology

**Program (Major and Degree):** Educational Psychology (Ph.D.), Gwinnett Campus Only

**Deactivation or Termination?** Termination of Educational Psychology (Ph.D.) on the Gwinnett Campus Only

**Proposed Effective Date:** Summer 2020

**Last date students will be admitted to this program:** No students are enrolled at the Gwinnett campus

**Last date students will graduate from this program:** No students are enrolled at the Gwinnett campus

## **Program Abstract:**

The program in Educational Psychology prepares students to be leaders in the fields of teaching, learning, human development, and behavior. Study includes how students think and learn, the science of giftedness and creativity, quantitative methodology, and best practices in the field of school psychology.

## **1. State the reasons for terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.**

This proposal is to terminate the major in Educational Psychology (Ph.D.) at the Gwinnett campus only. The College of Education was contacted by the Office of Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness to validate programs offered across University of Georgia campuses for the university's upcoming SACSCOC accreditation process. The Educational Psychology (Ph.D.) program is active at the Gwinnett campus, but is no longer offered there. This program is now only offered at the Athens campus. There are no faculty assigned to that campus from the Department of Educational Psychology, nor are there any students at that campus.

## **2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.**

Not applicable; the program is not offered at the Gwinnett campus. No changes are proposed for the Athens-based program.

## **3. What will be done to insure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?**

Not applicable; the program is not offered at the Gwinnett campus. No changes are proposed for the Athens-based program.

## Approvals on File

**Proposal:** Terminate the Major in Educational Psychology (Ph.D.) on the Gwinnett Campus Only

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

**Department:** Educational Psychology

**Proposed Effective Term:** Summer 2020

Department:

- Educational Psychology Department Head Dr. Scott Ardoin, 11/4/19

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 11/20/19
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean Dr. Denise Spangler, 11/4/19

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Interim Dean Dr. Ron Walcott, 3/19/20