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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology will be an agenda item for the March 24, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



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Proposal to Terminate a Certificate Program

I. Basic Information

1. **Institution** The University of Georgia **Date:** January 3, 2017
2. **School/College** College of Education
3. **Department/Division** Career and Information Studies
4. **Program** Certificate: Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology
5. **Termination:** This proposal is to terminate this undergraduate certificate.
6. **Last date students admitted to this program:** Approximately 2009
7. **Last date students will graduate from this program** Fall 2017
8. **Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program**

This termination proposal is to permanently close the Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology. The certificate program was proposed in 2005 and was accessible to students in Summer 2006. Courses for the program were offered at the previous location on which the University of Georgia satellite operated in Gwinnett County. That facility is now Georgia Gwinnett College. At the time in which the program was initiated, the university did not code students in its student database system according to certificate programs. The five-course program was designed to offer early career business professionals an opportunity to acquire knowledge of educational technologies with a global, multicultural perspective. According to course enrollments from Summer 2007 to Fall 2009, the highest enrollments were seen in Spring 2008 but class enrollments had declined with no students enrolling in the certificate from Fall 2010 to present. Concurrently, the programs at the Gwinnett County location were pulled back to the main campus as planning for Georgia Gwinnett was underway. Since that time, of the two primary faculty members engaged with the certificate program, one has left the university and the second has been reassigned to work on the Athens campus. The department details below the rationale for terminating the certificate program.

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Program

1. **Decisions that warranted deactivation or termination of the program:** No students have enrolled in the certificate program since 2009. Two faculty assigned to the certificate program have had their budgeted time and duties shifted to other high need areas within the department. Decreases in enrollment associated with the close of the programs in Gwinnett in the 2000s along with lack of refunding of a FIPSE-CAPES external award that was associated with the certificate.
2. **State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program:** Lack of student interest, lack of access to students within the Gwinnett area, and reassignment of faculty to other pressing needs in the department.



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3. **Plans for allowing students already in a program to complete degree requirements:** Not applicable, no students are currently enrolled in the certificate program.
4. **What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved?** Staff have been reassigned in to other high need areas of the department since 2010. No current impact.
5. **What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?:** No impact. For all intents and purposes, the department had thought this certificate was closed according to university records. Work with student learning outcomes identified the certificate as active necessitating this termination proposal.
6. **What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?** There are no plans to reinstate the program.



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Educational Psychology supports the termination of the Certificate Program in Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology. The Department of Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology was dissolved in 2012 and its faculty reorganized into two units beginning in January 2013. The certificate program was overseen by the faculty in Instructional Technology (Learning, Design, and Technology at present). No educational psychology students have been engaged with the program as the unit does not offer undergraduate education programs. The certificate should have been listed with the Department of Career and Information Studies that houses the Learning, Design, and Technology faculty at the time of the reorganization, but for some reason was left with the Department of Educational Psychology.

The certificate was initially offered at the Gwinnett campus, comprised of five instructional technology (EDIT) courses, and no educational psychology courses. The certificate likely had the name Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology given that was the department name when it was created, but no faculty from Educational Psychology were ever engaged with the program. Because the program is still listed under the Department of Educational Psychology, the department endorses the termination of the certificate proposed by the faculty in the Department of Career and Information Studies.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Ardoin
Professor and Department Head

Approvals on File

Proposal: Termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology

Department: Career and Information Studies

College: College of Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2017

Department:

- Career and Information Studies Department Head, Dr. Robert Branch, 1/3/17

School/College:

- College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 1/31/17

Additional Support:

- Educational Psychology Department Head, Dr. Scott Ardoin, 3/14/17