September 3, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Wiseman
      Dean, College of Education

FROM: Phyllis Peres
      Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with Certification (PCC log no. 08006)

Your proposal to modify the Elementary, TESOL, and Secondary specializations of the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with Certification (MCERT) has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The changes are effective Spring 2008. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosure

c: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
   Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
   Reka Montfort, University Senate
   Barbara Hope, Data Administration
   Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
   Anne Turkos, Archives
   Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
   Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
   David Cooper, College of Education
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pce-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED April 5, 2008  
COLLEGE/SCHOOL College of Education  
DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM EDCI  
- Masters Certification (MCERT) Elementary
- Masters Certification (MCERT) TESOL
- and Masters Certification (MCERT) Secondary, all tracks

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD_______ DELETE_______ CHANGE_X_____

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)
Substitute the course EDCI 690 The Study of Teaching for the currently required EDCI 784 Teaching Professional Development and School Change. This is a simple replacement, one three credit course for another. The function of the course, as a capstone, remains the same.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)
The MCERT Program requires a capstone course. After experience with a number of cohorts faculty have come to believe that EDCI 690 is more relevant and appropriate for the MCERT initial certification students. There is no overall change in required hours in the program, so no additional resources are involved.

Appendix. Course catalog descriptions for EDCI 690 and EDCI 784.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date
1. Department Committee Chair  
   LINDA VALLI  
   4-16-08
2. Department Chair  
   S. Koziej  
   4-17-08
3. College/School PCC Chair  
   Paula Maccini  
   5-1-08
4. Dean  
   5-1-08
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  
   5-3-08
6. Chair, Senate PCC
7. Chair of Senate
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  
   9/4/08

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EDCI 690 Teaching as a Profession (3 credits)
Prerequisite: permission of department. The profession of teaching and the knowledge base that defines teaching. Current and social issues that affect teaching and learning; role of research and experience in learning to teach.

EDCI 784 Teaching, Professional Development and School Change (3 credits)
Examines current scholarship on professional development for K-12 teachers, characteristics of good professional development, and its relationship to teaching, learning, and school improvement.