MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Wiseman
Dean, College of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify Multiple Education Master's Programs by Eliminating the Non-Thesis Comprehensive Examination Requirement (PCC log no. 12003)

The proposal to modify the curriculum of multiple College of Education master's programs by eliminating the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement has been administratively approved. A listing of the programs eliminating the requirement can be found in the approved proposal, which is attached.

The change is effective Spring 2013. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

MDC/
Enclosure

cc: William Idsardi, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
Donna Williams, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
Anne Turkos, University Archives
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
Mark Shayman, Graduate School
Maggie McLaughlin, College of Education
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL

- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

- Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

College/School:
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01203100 (College of Education)
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits:
Department of CHSE/Programs: 1312301 (EDCP); 1312501 (EDHI), 1312301 (EDSP),
Department of TLPL/Programs: 1310901 (EDCI); 1312701 (EDPS)
Former Department/Program: 1311301 (EDPL)
(Note: Areas of specialization under the former EDPL Program are divided between EDHI and EDPS.)

Type of Action (choose one):
☐ Curriculum change (including informal specializations) ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Minor
☐ Suspend/delete program ☐ Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:
Proposal to eliminate the master's non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for specific programs or areas of specialization in the College of Education. The Graduate Council eliminated the requirement in 1998, and the College deferred the requirement to the programs in 2003. We are submitting this proposal to formally remove the comprehensive examination requirement from the specified programs and specializations referenced in this proposal. The College requests the elimination of the master's non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement effective January 1, 2012 (for all current and newly admitted students).

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair
   [Signature]

2. Department Chair
   [Signature]

3. College/School PCC Chair
   [Signature]

4. Dean
   [Signature]

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   [Signature] 10/8/12

6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. University Senate Chair (if required)

8. Senior Vice President and Provost
   [Signature] 10/18/2012
ELIMINATE THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT
M.A. NON-THESIS AND M.ED.
FOR SPECIFIED PROGRAMS AND AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

CHSE DEPARTMENT
EDCP AREAS: SCHOOL COUNSELING & REHABILITATION COUNSELING
EDHI (EDPL) PROGRAMS – ALL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION,
TO INCLUDE THE AREA OF
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (UNDER APPROVAL PROCESS)
EDSP PROGRAM – ALL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

HDQM DEPARTMENT
EDHD MONTGOMERY COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM

TLPL DEPARTMENT
EDCI PROGRAM - ALL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (TO INCLUDE MASTER’S CERTIFICATION TRACK), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF READING
EDPS (EDPL) PROGRAMS – ALL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Effective January 1, 2012

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

Submitted by
Donna L. Wiseman, Dean
Proposal to Eliminate the M.A. non-thesis and M.Ed. Comprehensive Examination Requirement for Specified Programs or Areas of Specialization

The Graduate Council of the Graduate School eliminated the requirement of a comprehensive examination for non-thesis master’s students on April 30, 1998. In 2003, the College of Education voted to no longer require the comprehensive examination for the non-thesis master’s students and deferred that decision to programs.

This proposal is submitted to request the elimination of the master’s non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for M.A. and M.Ed. degree seeking students in the College of Education for the programs and areas of specialization outlined below. (Programs or areas of specialization continuing the comprehensive examination are provided for clarification.)

The College requests the elimination of the master’s non-thesis comprehensive with an effective date of January 1, 2012 (for all current and newly admitted students).

SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM

CHSE DEPARTMENT

EDCP Program:
Eliminate the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for the areas of Rehabilitation Counseling and School Counseling (excludes College Student Personnel).

EDHI Program:
Eliminate the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for all areas that include Higher Education; and the newly proposed specialization area of International Education (amend the proposed area currently under review).

EDSP Program:
Eliminate the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for all areas that include Behavior Disorders, Infancy and Early Childhood; Learning Disabilities; Secondary and Transition; Severe Disabilities (includes the master’s certification tracks and DODDS).
**HDQM DEPARTMENT**

**EDHD Program:**
Eliminate the M.Ed. comprehensive examination requirement for the Montgomery County Outreach Program.

**TLPL DEPARTMENT**

**EDCI Program:**
Eliminate the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for all areas (to include the master’s certification tracks), *with the exception of the reading area*. Areas eliminating are: Agricultural Education; Art; Elementary; English; Foreign Language; Math; Middle School Math and Science; Minority and Urban Education (MUE); Physical Education; Science; Secondary Language and Education Culture (SLEC); Teaching English to Speaker of Other Languages (TESOL); and Social Studies.

**EDPS Program:**
Eliminate the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement for all areas that include Curriculum Theory and Development; Education Policy; Organizational Leadership and Policy Studies (OLPS); and Social Foundations of Education.

**Departments/Programs/Areas Continuing the Non-thesis Comprehensive Examination Requirement:**

*The HDQM Department housing the EDHD and EDMS programs will continue to require the master’s non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement. (The Montgomery County Outreach M.Ed. Program will eliminate the comprehensive examination requirement.)*

*The College Student Personnel area in the EDCP program (CHSE Department), and the Reading area in the EDCI program (TLPL Department), will continue to require the master’s non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement.*

*See the next page for a detailed summary of the non-thesis comprehensive examination requirement by program and area of specialization, in the College of Education.*
## REQUIREMENT OF MASTER'S NON-THESIS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
### DETAILED SUMMARY BY PROGRAM (DEPARTMENT) AND AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

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