Proposal to Change a Graduate Course

Department: Teacher Education (TEDU)
Graduate Program: Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education

Will this course be cross-listed with an undergraduate or other graduate course? □ YES   X NO
If yes, please complete and attach to this proposal a Permission to Cross-List a Graduate Course form.

Course change(s) will go into effect:  (Fall term, 2017)

Change(s) desired:
1) Change name of EDEE 510 from “Introduction to Early Childhood Education, Field Experience I” to “Educational Theory, Behavior, and Development of the Young Child: Field Experience I”;
2) Change description of course per below by correcting last sentence.

Current description:
An introduction to early childhood education including 1) historical and philosophical antecedents, 2) developmentally appropriate practice, 3) field-based experiences and 4) characteristics of young children and related program implications. The course includes a 36-hour practicum in a variety of settings to ensure multicultural exposure.

Note: Practicum required.

Proposed description:
An introduction to early childhood education including 1) historical and philosophical antecedents, 2) developmentally appropriate practice, 3) field-based experiences, and 4) academic and behavioral characteristics of young children and related program implications. The field experiences include observations in infant, toddler, preschool, and primary grades.

Note: Practicum required.

Justification for change(s): To more accurately name the course as well as well as to clarify a certificate requirement of the State Department of Education. We routinely have non-degree students who need a course the State Department calls “Behavior and Development of the Young Child.” Currently, the course we have contains that content but does not have the words “Behavior and Development” in the title. Having such will enable both the State Department and
potential students to know that this course will satisfy that requirement. The last sentence of the current description is incorrect. The last sentence is what is currently transpiring.

Relationship of change to the College of Charleston Strategic Plan and to the strategic plans of your department, school, and the Graduate School: Improved alignment of course title with course substance will better satisfy accreditation requirements and the title will enable increased diversity of students by recruitment of a wider array of students. These goals improve academic excellence, a College goal; the Graduate School’s goal to help change careers; the School of Education, Health and Human Performance’s mission to develop better educated professionals; and in the case of the Department of Teacher Education’s mission, to better meet the needs of children.

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Signature of the Faculty Secretary: __________________________ Date: __________________________