Faculty Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education

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, 2012]

Change(s) desired: 1) Change name of EDEE 636 from “Field Experience II in Early Childhood Education” to “Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education: Field Experience II”; 2) Change course description per below.

Current description is:
A supervised program of orientation, observation, and experience with prekindergarten, kindergarten or early elementary children. Includes related seminar participation.

Note: May be a requirement for early childhood certification.

Proposed Description: Instruction, observation and field experience related to planning and implementing lessons for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and primary grade students. Students learn to plan and implement lessons with differentiated curriculum, instruction, and assessment and the use of developmentally appropriate methods and materials. Candidates plan for and teach individual students, small groups of students, and provide flexible grouping for whole class instruction. A minimum of 20 hours of field experience is required.

Note: May be a requirement for early childhood certification.

Justification for change(s): To more accurately name the course as well as to enable attainment of the State Department of Education requirement for non-degree students adding on early childhood certification. The State Department of Education requires a course called “Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education.” The new description reorganizes and strengthens previous description by including content currently provided (but not currently included in catalog description).

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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 and clearer description 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, its mission to better meet the needs of children.

Signature of Program Director: Angela Cozart Date: 5/2/11
Date approved by the Department: March 18, 2011
Signature of Department Chair: Jana Van Duzer Date: 4/28/11
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