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DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BRIDGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ONLINE TEACHING

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Bridge Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching, effective Fall term, 2018.

Background

The Bridge Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching (BGC-ONLT) was established in Fall 2012. The certificate program was designed to prepare graduate students for teaching positions in online or other distance education settings in both the K-12 and higher education environments. The certificate provided students with essential knowledge and skills in pedagogy, course development, evaluation, instruction, and other aspects of the educational process in online learning environments.

The Bridge certificate has no enrolled students and only one student was awarded the certificate. Students enrolled in the BGC-ONLT were typically existing students that added the certificate program to their current degree program.

The Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching remains an option for students seeking to complete an online teaching program.

Program Description

The Learning Design and Technology program in the Administrative and Organizational Studies division in the College of Education has provided the administrative home for certificate program. The BGC-ONLT required 18 credit hours of coursework. The certificate was typically completed in three semesters. The program had to be completed within three years.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this certificate program has been approved by the Learning Design and Technology program in the Division of Administrative and Organizational Studies, the College of Education Assembly, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Provost.