

**DISCONTINUANCE OF THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
IN READING, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Doctor of Education (EdD) in Reading, Language and Literature (RLL), effective Fall term 2019.

Background

The Teacher Education Division in the College of Education has provided the administrative home for the EdD in RLL. Two years ago the Teacher Education faculty began a review of all doctoral programs in the division. As a result of the review and deliberations, the division faculty determined the current programs, including the EdD in RLL, were outdated no longer meeting the needs of the profession and were taxing the limited faculty resources of the division. It was also determined that enrollment was no longer sufficient to provide coursework for three separate doctoral programs and reductions in faculty positions over the last 10 years left some programs without sufficient faculty to advise doctoral students.

To remedy these concerns and work within the scope and size of divisional resources, the Teacher Education Division created one new doctoral program to replace the doctoral programs in Curriculum and Instruction; Reading, Language and Literature; and Special Education. The new program, the PhD in Educational Studies, was approved by the Board of Governors in October 2017 effective for the Fall 2018 semester. Having secured the approval of the replacement program, the division requests the discontinuance of the EdD in RLL.

Accommodations for Current Students

As of Winter 2019, there are four registered students in the program. Students currently admitted to the EdD in RLL will be allowed to complete their degree program consistent with university policy or transfer to the new PhD in Educational Studies. Students that transfer to the new program will be required to complete the requirements for the PhD in Educational Studies within the student's original seven-year time limit.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this degree program has been approved by the faculty in the Division of Teacher Education, the College of Education Assembly, the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost.