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DISCONTINUANCE OF THE EDUCATION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE IN LEARNING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Education Specialist Certificate in Learning Design and Technology in the College of Education, effective Fall term 2021.

Background

The Learning Design and Technology (LDT) faculty completed a review of 5-year data regarding enrollment trends, sustainability, market analysis, and growth potential of its existing programs. It was a unanimous decision of the faculty to close low enrollment programs, including the Educational Specialist Certificate. The number of completers has declined from a high of seven in the last five years to just two. There are three students in the program nearing completion, which is anticipated at the end of the Winter term 2021. The program began an admission moratorium in the Fall term 2020.

Program Description

The Education Specialist Certificate program is a thirty-one credit minimum curriculum beyond the master's degree. It is intended for individuals new to the field, seeking a planned program of study in LDT focused on individual needs and goals related to K-12 education.

Approvals

The recommendation to discontinue this degree was approved by the faculty of the Learning Design and Technology program, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, Dean of the Graduate School, and the Interim Provost.