

**PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE THE EDUCATION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE
IN READING**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the Education Specialist Certificate in Reading in the College of Education, effective fall term, 2023.

Background

Currently, we offer a Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction (C&I), with concentrations in specific concentrations in the Division of Teacher Education. The Reading certificate will be moved to this Certificate. The Education Specialist in Reading currently, is a stand-alone certificate. Students who are currently in the Reading Education Specialist Certificate program will not have difficulty completing their programs as this change does not entail discontinuing any courses on the Plans of Work. Because both the C&I and Reading certificates are otherwise identical, in that the individual student's professional needs and interests are taken into account in determining the specific content of his/her program for each of the concentrations, students can also transfer into the Curriculum & Instruction Education Specialist Certificate.

Program Description

The Education Specialist Program is designed primarily for practitioners in the field who are interested in assuming literacy leadership and curriculum positions within school buildings, school districts, or community agencies and groups.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the faculty of the Teacher Education Division, Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, Dean of the Graduate School, and the Provost.