

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TO THE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WITH A MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors change the name of the Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Early and Elementary Education to the Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Elementary Education in the College of Education, effective Fall 2025.

Background

The Elementary Education program is currently part of the Early and Elementary Education major. Due to grade band certification changes by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), it is necessary for Elementary Education to be a major that is distinct from Early Childhood Education.

The Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Elementary Education leads to MDE teacher certification in either PreK-Grade 3 or in Grades 3-6. Students will gain extensive classroom and clinical experience to develop the content, skills, and dispositions needed to successfully work in elementary level classrooms. Candidates who successfully complete all program requirements will earn a master's degree. Candidates must also pass the required Michigan Test(s) for Teacher Certification (MTTC) to be recommended for certification.

Current Students

This name change will have no detrimental effect on current students. There are no changes to the credit hours.

Approvals

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