

MINUTES
General Faculty Meeting
November 27, 2007—Lowrimore Auditorium—3:45

- I. Chair Autrey called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting were approved as circulated.
- III. Reports from Committees
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Autrey commended Alissa Warters and Scott Kaufman on the successful U.N. Symposium held in October.
 2. Autrey commended Ed Eleazer and the Pee Dee Poetry and Fiction Festival Committee for their successful event in early November.
 3. Autrey reported on the SACS process, indicating that the off-site committee has completed its review of the 81 items covered in the report and indicated they raised only eleven issues, most of them minor. Those will be addressed in a “focused report” due in January. The site visit team will be on campus in March.
 - B. Report from the Faculty Senate (*See attachment for proposals. See the appendix for supporting materials*)
 1. Item I from the Department of Biology concerning changes in the requirements for the environmental science option in biology was approved.
 2. Item II from the Department of Mass Communications concerning the addition of two classes, Mass Communications 455 and Mass Communications 320, was approved.
 3. Item III from the Department of Psychology concerning the deletion of a portion of a course description for PSY 300 was approved.
 4. Item IV from the Department of Sociology concerning the deletion of SOCI 290, SOCI 360, SOCI 373, and SOCI 440, as well as the modification of SOCI 341, and the addition of SOCI 374, Work in Society, was approved.
 5. Item V from the Computer Science Program concerning changing information about the CS minor, as well as the deletion of CS 160 and CS 175, was approved.
 6. Item VI from the Honors Program concerning adding a semester abroad in the International Exchange Program as a suitable option for the Honors Independent Study, as well as the creation of a new course, HNRS 200, Honors Science Colloquium Experience, was approved.
 7. Item VII from the Department of Nursing concerned several changes relative to the RN to BSN Program.
 - a. Sections A and B concerning changes to the plan of study were approved.
 - b. Section C concerning the deletion of several courses, Nurn 302, Nurn 303, Nurn 306, Nurn 351, Nurn 402, Nurn 404, Nurn 405, Nurn 406, and Nurn 445, was approved.
 - c. Section D concerning the addition of several courses, NRN 332 Professional Nursing and Nursing Practice, NRN 333 Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice, NRN 334 Nursing Research in Practice, NRN 445 Population Focused Nursing Care, and NRN 447 Leadership and Management in Nursing, was approved.
 8. Item VIII concerned several changes from the College of Education.
 - a. Section A concerning the deletion of the PRAXIS I scores from the required components for admission to the program was approved.
 - b. Sections B, C, E-G concerning the deletion of three current courses (EDUC 797,

EDUC 798, and EDUC 799) was approved. The addition of three new courses, EDUC 748: Qualitative Research for Educators, 794 Capstone I: Identification of a Research Topic, and 795 Capstone II: Completion and Presentation of a Research Topic, was amended. The phrase “and either EDUC 794 or EDUC 798” was struck from the description of EDUC 794. The items were approved as amended.
c. Section D concerning the delineation of electives was approved.

- IV. The faculty approved the list of candidates for graduation in December, 2007 and accepted the addition of two candidates, Marquitta McLean and Karen Phillips.
- V. There was no old business.
- VI. In new business, Paul Dove introduced a new member of the library faculty, Bernadette Johnson, a reference librarian.
- VII. Announcements
 - 1. Autrey announced a women’s and men’s basketball game starting at 7:00 on November 27, 2007, as well as a creative writing reading sponsored by the Snow Island Review beginning at 6:00 on November 27, 2007.
 - 2. The Patriot Bookstore will hold its annual faculty recognition Christmas sale on November 28, 2007.
 - 3. The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 7, 2007.
 - 4. Jazz ensemble will perform at Kassab at 8:00 on November 28, 2007; the Chorus will perform at St. Luke’s Church on Sunday afternoon, December 2, 2007.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

A. Proposals from Faculty Senate

I. Proposal from the Department of Biology:

A. **CHANGE**, on page 74 of the current catalog, the requirements for the environmental science option in Biology

FROM:

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OPTION IN BIOLOGY

Coordinator: Dr. John G. Rae, III

The Environmental Science Option in Biology offers students the choice of specialization in environmental science at the undergraduate level.

The Environmental Science Option will require the completion of the following courses which include General Education courses, certain core science and mathematics courses, and requirements for the biology major.

Communications.....	12 hours
English 112, 200.....	6
Speech Communication 101.....	3
Computer Science 190 or 212 or 226.....	3
Social Sciences.....	12 hours
Political Science 101 or 103.....	3
Economics 203, 340.....	6
Geography 105.....	3
Humanities.....	12 hours
Literature (English 203 recommended).....	3
History.....	3
Art 101, Music 101, Theatre 101.....	3
Philosophy and Religious Studies 400.....	3
Mathematics.....	9 hours
Mathematics 132, 201 (or 201, 202).....	6
Psychology 302 or Math 312 (note prerequisites).....	3
Natural Sciences.....	72-77 hours
Biology	
<i>Introductory Biology</i>	
Biology 105, 106.....	8
<i>Organismal (Plant): one course from</i>	
Biology 206, 207, 208, 303, 310, 313.....	4
<i>Organismal (Animal): one course from</i>	
Biology 201, 202, 204, 209, 312, 315.....	4
<i>Ecology: two courses from</i>	
Biology 308 and 402 or 408 or 411.....	8
Other Biology Courses:	
Biology 210, 301 or 302, or 407, 401, 499.....	13
Chemistry	
Chemistry 101, 102, 201, and 202 or 203.....	16

Physics	
Physics 215, 216 (200, 201, 202).....	8-12
Environmental Science	
Environmental Science.....	4
Science Electives (select two courses, at least one must be from chemistry or physics: Biology 307, 311, 314; Chemistry 202, 203, 313; Physics 318.....	7-8
Free Electives.....	0-5
(Technical Writing recommended)	
 Total Hours Required for Graduation.....	120

TO:**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OPTION IN BIOLOGY**

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English 112, 200.....	6
Speech Communication 101.....	3
Computer Science.....	3
Social Sciences.....	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103.....	3
Choose two courses: Economics 203, 340, Geography 105, 215, Sociology 331.....	6
Humanities.....	12 hours
Literature (English 203 recommended).....	3
History.....	3
Art 101, Music 101, Theatre 101.....	3
Humanities elective (Philosophy and Religious Studies 400 recommended).....	3
Mathematics.....	6 hours
Mathematics 132 or 201, 134 or 312.....	6
Natural Sciences.....	61-65 hours
Biology	
<i>Introductory Biology</i>	
Biology 105, 106.....	8
<i>Organismal (Plant):</i> one course from Biology 206, 207, 208, 313.....	4
<i>Organismal (Animal):</i> one course from Biology 201, 202, 204, 209, 312, 315.....	4
<i>Ecology:</i> one course from Biology 308, 402, 408, 411.....	4

<i>Cell Biology</i> : one course from	
Biology 301, 302, 407.....	4
<i>Genetics</i> : Biology 401.....	4
<i>Senior Seminar</i> : Biology 499.....	1
<i>One course from</i>	
Biology 210, Environmental Science 201.....	4
<i>Biology Elective</i> : one course from	
Biology 201, 202, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 308, 312, 313, 314, 315, 402, 408, 411.....	4
Chemistry	
Chemistry 101, 102, 201, and 202 or 203.....	16
Physics	
Physics 215, 216 (or 200, 201, 202).....	8-12
Total Hours Required for Graduation.....	120

Recommended Minor: Chemistry. Consider one additional course from Chemistry 202, 203, 313 to complete the minor in Chemistry.

Other suggested courses: Chemistry 203, 313, Economics 340, English 318, Geography 105, 215, Math 312, Philosophy and Religious Studies 400, Psychology 302, Sociology 331.

Rationale: The environmental science option in biology is currently too rigid as to specific course requirements and too demanding in terms of hours required in certain areas and levels. Several courses are offered only on alternate years, making it difficult for students to complete the program. The changes give the student more flexibility in course selection. The rigor of the proposed course requirements are now in line with our general biology degree. No additional faculty or equipment will be necessary to institute this change.

B. MODIFY, on pages 181-182 in the current catalog, the requirements for the minor and two collaterals in environmental studies

FROM:

4. PRS 400 Science, Technology, and Human Values.....3

TO:

4. PRS 400 Science, Technology, and Human Values
or SOCI 331 Environment, Power and Opportunity.....3

Rationale: Adding SOCI 331 as an alternate choice gives students more flexibility in course selection since PRS 400 is offered only on alternate years. No additional faculty or equipment will be necessary to institute this change.

II. Proposal from the Department of Mass Communication:

A. ADD, on page 111, of the current catalog:

320 Broadcast Presentation Skills (3) (Prerequisite: Speech 101 or permission of the department) Introduces students to the techniques involved in effective vocal delivery and on-camera presentation. Students practice the skills required to work as

reporters, announcers, anchors, program hosts, spokespersons and other positions that require the individual to be on radio or television. A course for any student interested in broadcasting, mass communication, business, sports management, or sports communication.

B. ADD, on page 111 of the current catalog:

455 Media Ethics (3) (Prerequisite: 201. At least junior status or permission of the department) An examination of ethical responsibilities associated with the field of mass communication. Various philosophical theories of ethical practices will be used to address issues involving race, gender, hatred, invasion of privacy, defamation, and intimidation.

Rationale: In the rapidly evolving field of Mass Communication there is a trend to publish information as rapidly as possible. To speed the process, many of the traditional editorial safeguards have been removed. Convergence journalism is a particular concern, because a single journalist may be posting stories via a number of mediums without editorial supervision. Our students need a strong grounding in ethical decision making before they enter the workforce. We recently met with members of our Professional Advisory Committee. We discussed our concerns and the proposed course with them. They agreed with our concerns and the need for the new course.

According to a recent article in *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator* adding this stand-alone ethics course would follow growing trend in journalism and mass communication programs. The article also reported the results of a research project in this area, suggesting that “a carefully designed media ethics course can affect students’ value systems and ideological outlooks.”¹

D. ADD, on page 110 of the current catalog, under the **Broadcast Journalism** track, and under the **Public Relations** track, the following course:

320 Broadcast Presentation Skills

C. ADD, on page 110 of the current catalog, under the **Print Journalism** track, under the **Broadcast Journalism** track, under the **Convergence Journalism** track, and under the **Public Relations** track, the following course:

455 Media Ethics

III. Proposal from Department of Psychology:

DELETE, on page 136 of the current catalog in the course description for Psychology 300, the following:

(Same as SOCI 360)

Rationale: The Department of Sociology proposes to delete Sociology 360.

IV. Proposal from the Department of Sociology:

¹ Patrick Lee Plaisance. “An Assessment of Media Ethics Education: Course Content and the Values and Ethical Ideologies of Media Ethics Students.” *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator* 63, no. 4, Winter 2007, 391.

A. **DELETE**, on pages 140-142 of the current catalog, the following courses:

- 1) SOCI 290 Computer Applications in the Social Sciences
- 2) SOCI 360 Leadership and Group Dynamics
- 3) SOCI 373 Complex Organizations
- 4) SOCI 440 Social Change

B. **MODIFY**, on page 141 of the current catalog, the course description for Sociology 341

FROM:

Factors in the genesis of crime and the organization of criminal behavior from the perspective of the individual and society; methods of dealing with criminals; police courts, prisons, probation, and parole.

TO:

Examines how social structures and participation in social networks influence the likelihood and nature of criminal activities. Also examines how individuals and groups react to crime. Includes a critical review and application of theoretical explanations of crime and criminal behavior.

C. **ADD**, on page 141, of the current catalog the following:

374 Work in Society (3) (Prerequisite: 201 or permission of department). Patterns and organization of work; the theories and methods associated with studying work; how work varies across social and demographic groups; and impact of family structure, technology, globalization and public policy on work.

V. **Proposal from the Computer Science Program:**

A. **CHANGE**, on page 158 of the current Catalog, under MINOR

FROM:

A minor is offered in computer science.

1. Those wishing the minor oriented toward information systems will complete CS 190, 225, 226, 227, 313, and 430
2. Those choosing the minor oriented toward mathematics will complete CS 226, 227, 313, 318, Math 305 or Math/CS 425 and one additional course above 299 in computer science. A student may count both Mathematics 305 and Math/CS 425 toward the minor and is encouraged to take both courses
3. Those choosing the minor oriented toward science will complete CS 212, 226, 227, 280, 318, and 425 The prerequisites for these courses must be met.

TO:

A minor in Computer Science consists of

CS 190 or CS 212

CS 226

CS 227

Three courses chosen from CS 280 or higher. (Math 230 is a prerequisite for taking any computer science course above the 299 level.)

Rationale: It is difficult to teach 3 minors with 5 full time CS faculty members. This change will allow some flexibility in student schedules and it allows them to pursue a sequence of courses relevant to their academic and professional plans.

B. DELETE, on page 158 of the current catalog, the following courses:

- 1) CS 160 - has not been taught since Late Spring 1999
- 2) CS 175 – has not been taught since Fall 2001 and with low enrollment then.

VI. Proposal from the Honors Program:

A. ADD, on page 185 of the current catalog, between the description of “**491-499 Honors Independent Study**” and the following paragraph beginning “**Students who successfully complete the Washington Semester Program**”, the following paragraph:

An acceptable substitute for HNRS 491 is the successful completion of a semester in one of our official International Exchange Programs. The GPA requirement for graduating “With University Honors” will be calculated out of 18 Honors credit hours rather than 21.

Rationale: The experience of living and studying abroad is as valuable and challenging a learning experience as completing an Independent Study project. We hope to encourage more FMU Honors students to take advantage of our official International Exchange Programs. A similar rationale prompted the decision a few years ago to allow 3 of the 9 400-level Honors hours earned by completing the Washington Semester Program to serve as an acceptable substitute for HNRS 491. However, because the FMU course credits that are assigned to the semester abroad vary so widely from student to student and institution to institution, there is no single 400-level Honors course to substitute for HNRS 491.

B. ADD, on page 185 of the current catalog, between the description of “**101 Freshman Honors seminar**” and “**397 Honors Colloquium**”, the following:

200 Honors Science Colloquium Experience (1) Requires students to prepare for, attend, and respond in writing to the weekly Science Colloquium. Carries elective, but not General Education, departmental, or School credit. Assessed as S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). May be taken for credit up to three times.

Rationale: The Science Colloquium is well-established. Hnrs. 200 will encourage students to attend regularly, and have the opportunity to hear speakers from across disciplines including biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics present research talks in their area of expertise. The majority of the speakers are faculty, either from FMU or other universities. In some semesters, there is room for students to present their research to the Colloquium; it would be particularly valuable for the Hnrs. 200 students to hear presentations from students who had completed an Honors Independent Study in a science discipline. Students will become aware of current developments in scientific research, will develop learning skills associated with seminars rather than the standard classroom setting, and will be encouraged to develop the intellectual confidence necessary to ask questions amongst a large audience on complex scientific information.

The one credit hour earned (potentially three, if the student enrolls for the maximum of three semesters) may be useful to a student seeking to earn the 21 hours of Honors credit required to

graduate “With University Honors”. A student’s overall GPA is not impacted either positively or negatively by an “S” or “U” rating. However, since even a student who earned the maximum of 3 credit hours for Hnrs. 200 would still have 18 Honors credit hours, the GPA requirement to graduate “With University Honors” can be calculated based on those grades.

VII. Proposal from the Department of Nursing:

- A. **DELETE** course outline by semester under RN – BSN PLAN OF STUDY (page 123 in the 2007-2008 Catalog)
- B. **REPLACE**, on page 123 of the current catalog the RN-BSN PLAN OF STUDY, with the following:

RN – BSN PLAN OF STUDY

Semester I	Junior Year		Spring Hours
	Fall Hours	Semester II	
NURS 302 Pathophysiology ¹	3 SH	NRN 333 Health Assessment & Promotion in Nursing Practice ²	4 SH
NRN 332 Professional Nsg. Practice	3 SH	NRN 334 Nsg. Research in Practice	3 SH

Semester III	Senior Year		Spring Hours
	Fall Hours	Semester IV	
NRN 445 Population Nursing Care ²	6 SH	NRN 447 Leadership and Management ²	6 SH
Nursing Elective	3 SH	Nursing Elective	3 SH

Total Hours –31 Semester Hours

Thirty semester hours will be awarded as transfer credit for previous nursing coursework.

The applicant must have completed 63 hours of undergraduate coursework which includes general education prerequisites.

A total of 124 Semester Hours are required for graduation.

¹Credit by examination is available; advanced placement examinations may be taken one time.

² Independent clinical component

RN – BSN ACCELERATED PLAN OF STUDY
Summer Session

NURS 302 Pathophysiology ¹	3 SH
NRN 332 Professional Nsg. Practice	3 SH
NRN 333 Health Assessment & Promotion In Nursing Practice ²	4 SH

Fall Session

NRN 334 Nursing Research in Practice	3 SH
NRN 445 Population Focused Nsg. Care	6 SH
Nursing Elective	3 SH

Spring Session

NRN 447 Leadership and Management ²	6 SH
Nursing Elective	3 SH

¹Credit by examination is available; advanced placement examinations may be taken one time.

²Independent clinical component

C. DELETE course descriptions for the following courses found on pages 124-125 of the 2007-2008 Catalog:

- Nurn 302 Principles of Pathophysiology
- Nurn 303 Professional Nursing Practice
- Nurn 306 Nursing Research in Practice
- Nurn 351 Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice
- Nurn 402 Population Focused Nursing
- Nurn 404 Health Care Systems and Policy
- Nurn 405 Leadership and Management in Nursing
- Nurn 406 Nursing Knowledge; Synthesis Practicum
- Nurn 445 Guided Nursing Elective

D. Add the following courses on pages 124-125 of the 2007-2008 Catalog:

NRN 332 Professional Nursing and Nursing Practice (3). Explores the past, present, and future of professional nursing. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking and life-long

learning, professional values and philosophies, socialization and role development of the professional nurse, and the legal and ethical aspects of nursing practice.

NRN 333 Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice (4:3-2)

(Prerequisites or Corequisites: NURS 302, NRN 332). Provides the RN the opportunity to refine and validate therapeutic nursing skills and interventions necessary to provide culturally sensitive physical assessment, health promotion and health protection services to clients across the lifespan. Additionally, the RN will learn to develop client focused nursing care plans and teaching plans based on appropriate nursing diagnosis and using evidence based interventions. Emphasis is placed on communication, teaching-learning, critical thinking, diagnostic skills in relation to clinical decision-making, and the delivery of evidence-based nursing care.

NRN 334 Nursing Research in Practice (3) (Prerequisites: NURS 302, NRN 332).

Examines the steps of the research process, and provides the RN with the basic skills and knowledge to evaluate research. Emphasis is on the review and critique of published nursing research with consideration of the utilization of research findings to develop evidence based nursing practice. Ethical considerations in research are addressed.

NRN 445 Population Focused Nursing Care (6:4-6) (Prerequisites: NURS 302, NRN 332, 333; Prerequisite or Corequisite: 334). Designed to develop the RN's knowledge and skills in applying health promotion and disease prevention frameworks, nursing and public health concepts, epidemiology, and environmental health issues with populations in the community. Content and clinical experiences are based on Healthy People 2010, ANA Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing, and ACHNE Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Community Health Nursing. Precepted clinical experiences, as part of an individualized learning agreement, will include the application of theory in completing a community assessment, and the development of a community care plan and teaching project for a specific population within the community. Emphasis is placed on public health as a health partner, community assessment strategies, community partnerships, the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions for health promotion and /or disease prevention, social justice, and health policy implications.

NRN 447 Leadership and Management in Nursing (6:4-6) (Prerequisites: NURS 302, NRN 332, 333, 334, 445). Offers the RN the opportunity to explore the organizational structures, management roles and leadership behaviors within healthcare systems. Systems theory is utilized, and relevant issues such as employee management, budgeting, communications, inter-professional teamwork, quality improvement, and ethical decision making within institutions are addressed. An increased emphasis is placed on group process and change theory. Precepted clinical experiences will include the application of theory and evidence based practices, and nursing management and leadership roles within healthcare agencies. Emphasis is on organizations as systems, leadership roles, legal responsibilities and implications for professional nursing practice.

VIII. Proposals from the School of Education

A. CHANGE, on page 200, under ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FROM:

GRADUATE DEGREE STATUS: M.A.T.

M.A.T. students are expected to seek full admission prior to initiation of coursework.

To be considered for admission as a Master of Arts in Teaching degree student, an applicant must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a graduate application for admission and pay the non-refundable graduate application fee to the Graduate Office.
2. Submit official transcript(s) from accredited institutions of all undergraduate and graduate work. The academic record should show promise of success as a graduate student.
3. ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS: a. Submit recent scores on the Graduate Record Examination (minimum of 400 on the Verbal component), or the Miller Analogies test (minimum raw score of 35 or scaled score of 388). b. Additionally, the student must submit passing scores on the state approved test of reading, writing, and mathematics. (PRAXIS I)
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from professional associates or former professors who can attest to the academic potential of the applicant.
5. Submit a written statement of your philosophy of education.
6. Schedule an interview with the program coordinator or faculty adviser.
7. Items 1-5 must be submitted in one packet to: Graduate Office Francis Marion University Post Office Box 100547 Florence, SC 29501-0547
8. To be guaranteed timely consideration for acceptance into the Master of Education program, all of the above materials must be submitted by:
Fall Admission: April 15
Spring Admission: October 15

All of these steps must be completed before a student can be considered for admission to the M.A.T. degree status.

TO:

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3. ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS: Submit recent (within 5 years) scores on the Graduate Record Examination (minimum of 400 on the Verbal component), or the Miller Analogies test (minimum raw score of 35 or scaled score of 388).
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from professional associates or former professors who can attest to the academic potential of the applicant.
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B. CHANGE, on page 201, under MASTER OF EDUCATION

FROM:

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Coordinator: Dr. Dorothy M. Harris

Students must complete 36 graduate hours.

Education Foundation Core:

15 hours

- EDUC 611 Solving Instructional Problems Using Technology
- EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences
- EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior
- EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education
- EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities

Early Childhood Education Specialty Core

12 hours

- EDUC 721 Family and Community, and Early Childhood Education
- EDUC 722 Curriculum Design for Early Childhood Programs
- EDUC 724 Leadership of Early Childhood Programs
- EDUC 745 Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners

Education Practicum Seminars

9 hours

- EDUC 797 Practicum Seminar I: Problem Identification
- EDUC 798 Practicum Seminar II: Problem Analysis
- EDUC 799 Capstone Seminar III: Problem Resolution

TO:

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Coordinator: Dr. Dorothy M. Harris

Students must complete 36 graduate hours.

Education Foundation Core: 15 hours

- EDUC 611 Solving Instructional Problems Using Technology
- EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences
- EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior
- EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education
- EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities

Early Childhood Education Specialty Core 15 hours

- EDUC 721 Family and Community, and Early Childhood Education
- EDUC 722 Curriculum Design for Early Childhood Programs
- EDUC 724 Leadership of Early Childhood Programs
- EDUC 745 Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners
- EDUC 748 Qualitative Research for Educators

Education Practicum Seminars 6 hours

- EDUC 794 Capstone I: Identification and Analysis of Research Topic
- EDUC 795 Capstone II: Completion and Presentation of Research Topic

C. CHANGE, on page 201, under MASTER OF EDUCATION

FROM:

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL ACCOMMODATION

Coordinator: Dr. Shirley Carr Bausmith

Students must complete 36 graduate hours.

Education Foundation Core: 15 hours

- EDUC 611 Solving Instructional Problems Using Technology
- EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences
- EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior
- EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education
- EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities

Instructional Accommodation Education Specialty Core 12 hours

- EDUC 741 Cognitive and Behavioral Aspects of the Divergent Learner
- EDUC 742 Procedures for the Divergent Learner
- EDUC 744 Quantitative Processing and the Divergent Learner
- EDUC 745 Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners

Education Practicum Seminars	9 hours
EDUC 797 Practicum Seminar I: Problem Identification	
EDUC 798 Practicum Seminar II: Problem Analysis	
EDUC 799 Capstone Seminar III: Problem Resolution	

TO:

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL ACCOMMODATION

Coordinator: Dr. Shirley Carr Bausmith

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EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences	
EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior	
EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education	
EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities	

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EDUC 742 Procedures for the Divergent Learner	
EDUC 744 Quantitative Processing and the Divergent Learner	
EDUC 745 Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners	
EDUC 748 Qualitative Research for Educators	

Education Practicum Seminars	6 hours
EDUC 794 Capstone I: Identification and Analysis of Research Topic	
EDUC 795 Capstone II: Completion and Presentation of Research Topic	

D. CHANGE, on page 202, under MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

FROM:

PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WITH MAJOR IN LEARNING DISABILITIES

Coordinator: Dr. Shirley Carr Bausmith

Students must complete 51 graduate hours.

Education Foundation Core:	15 hours
EDUC 611 Solving Instructional Problems Using Technology	
EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences	
EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior	
EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education	
EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities	

Learning Disabilities Professional Preparation**30 hours**

- PSYCH 663 Learning Disabilities: Formal and Informal Assessment (3)
 PSYCH 664 Practicum – Formal and Informal Assessment (1)
 EDUC 745 Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners (3)
 EDUC 746 Practicum: Teaching Reading and Written Language to Exceptional Learners (1)
 EDUC 760 Exceptionalities: Characteristics and Legal Foundations (3)
 EDUC 761 Learning Disabilities: Characteristics, Identification and Placement (3)
 EDUC 763 Methods for Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities (3)
 EDUC 764 Practicum – Methods for Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities (1)
 EDUC 769 Case Study, Small Group, and Action Research (3)
 EDUC 770 Learning Disabilities: Supervised Internship (9)

Electives**6 hours**

Candidates may select from among the following courses a combination totaling 6 graduate hours.

Course selection must be made after consultation with program coordinator.

Candidates planning to teach at the Elementary and Middle School levels are encouraged to select from among the following options:

- EDUC 620 Foundations of Education (3)
 EDUC 731 Literacy Development (3)
 EDUC 732 Quantitative Learning: Pre-School Through Middle School (3)
 EDUC 733 Concepts and Methods in Elementary Science (3)
 EDUC 734 Concepts and Methods in Elementary Social Studies (3)

Candidates planning to teach at the junior high and high school levels are encouraged to select from among the following options:

- EDUC 620 Foundations of Education (3)
 EDUC 741 Cognitive and Behavioral Aspects of the Divergent Learner (3)
 EDUC 742 Procedures for the Divergent Learner (3)
 EDUC 744 Quantitative Processing and the Divergent Learner (3)

TO:**PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WITH MAJOR IN LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Coordinator: Dr. Shirley Carr Bausmith

Students must complete 51 graduate hours.

Education Foundation Core:**15 hours**

- EDUC 611 Solving Instructional Problems Using Technology
 EDUC 621 Understanding Learning Differences
 EDUC 622 Assessment of Learning and Behavior
 EDUC 623 Quantitative Research Methods in Education
 EDUC 624 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities

*Learning Disabilities Professional Preparation**30 hours*

- PSYCH 663 Learning Disabilities: Formal and Informal Assessment (3)

PSYCH 664	Practicum – Formal and Informal Assessment (1)
EDUC 745	Teaching Reading and Written Language to Divergent and Exceptional Learners (3)
EDUC 746	Practicum: Teaching Reading and Written Language to Exceptional Learners (1)
EDUC 760	Exceptionalities: Characteristics and Legal Foundations (3)
EDUC 761	Learning Disabilities: Characteristics, Identification and Placement (3)
EDUC 763	Methods for Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities (3)
EDUC 764	Practicum – Methods for Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities (1)
EDUC 769	Case Study, Small Group, and Action Research (3)
EDUC 770	Learning Disabilities: Supervised Internship (9)

Electives**6 hours**

Candidates may select from among the following courses a combination totaling 6 graduate hours.

Course selection must be made after consultation with the program coordinator.

EDUC 620	Foundations of Education (3)
EDUC 732	Quantitative Learning: Pre-School through Middle School (3)
EDUC 733	Concepts and Methods in Elementary Science (3)
EDUC 734	Concepts and Methods in Elementary Social Studies (3)
EDUC 741	Cognitive and Behavioral Aspects of the Divergent Learner (3)
EDUC 742	Procedures for the Divergent Learner (3)
EDUC 744	Quantitative Processing and the Divergent Learner (3)

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748 Qualitative Research for Educators (3) F, S, SU. (Prerequisite: Admission to the School of Education Graduate Program; or permission from the School of Education). This course is designed to provide students an introduction to qualitative research methods for education. Through this course the students will be introduced to critical issues and strategies for conducting qualitative inquiries.

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794 Capstone I: Identification and Analysis of Research Topic (3) (Prerequisites: Admission to the School of Education Graduate Program, EDUC 623, either EDUC 748 or EDUC 797; or permission from the School of Education). F, S. This course is designed to provide students an introduction to a variety of school related problems. Students will identify a topic or issue, which will lead to their final education research project. FMU has an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and all research projects that involve human subjects are required to have approval from the FMU IRB committee. Application of appropriate research methods will be chosen to complete this project. Some students may choose to complete portfolio entries based on the requirements from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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795 Capstone II: Completion and Presentation of Research Topic (3) (Prerequisites: Admission to the School of Education Graduate Program, EDUC 623, either EDUC 748 or EDUC 797, and either EDUC 794 or EDUC 798; or permission from the School of Education). F, S, SU. Students will complete and present the results of their research projects or their completed portfolio entries for National Board Certification. The student will present the completed work, near the conclusion of Education 795, to a group of his/her colleagues (typically students enrolled in the course), the course instructor, and interested members of the School of Education Faculty.

Rationale for item A: PRAXIS I scores were required when the MAT-LD program included undergraduate coursework and students needed passing scores for School of Education acceptance. That is no longer necessary. In addition, the SC Department of Education does not require passing PRAXIS I scores, so we are deleting that requirement (item 3b). We are also adding “within five years” to better define the term “recent” to insure that the Miller Analogy or GRE scores submitted are current.

Rationale for items B, C, E - G: We are consolidating the three current courses (EDUC 797, EDUC 798, EDUC 799) into 2 courses (EDUC 794 & EDUC 795) and creating a new course EDUC 748. EDUC 748 will aid teachers in understanding qualitative research methods as they relate to the educational process. We are deleting EDUC 797, EDUC 798, & EDUC 799 from, and adding EDUC 748, EDUC 794, EDUC 795 to two graduate programs, Instructional Accommodation and Early Childhood Education.

Rationale for item D: We are combining the listing of electives, rather than delineate electives for elementary or secondary.