



Item: AS: A-3

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DEGREE TERMINATIONS: MED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (CIP 13.1001)**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approval to terminate the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (13.1001).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The degree program has no current enrollment. This program was on the FLBOG Low Degree Productivity alert in both 2015 and 2019. The College of Education anticipates no further need for this degree program as student interest in this area is now covered in the curriculum and instruction program and students have been steered in that direction.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

The termination of the individual degree program will be effective Fall 2021. Due to the lack of student enrollment in the program, the anticipated phase-out term is the same.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Faculty affiliated with this program provide instruction in other degree programs in the College of Education on multiple campuses. As there has been little to no enrollment in this program for years, the impact on enrollment, enrollment planning and resources for the College is negligible.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Program Termination Form

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Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
**ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM**  
In Accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012

**INSTITUTION:** Florida Atlantic University

**PROGRAM NAME:** Early Childhood Education

**DEGREE LEVEL(S):** M **CIP CODE:** 13.1001  
(B., M., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.) (Classification of Instructional Programs)

**ANTICIPATED TERMINATION TERM:** Fall 2021  
(First term when no new students will be accepted into the program)

**ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT TERM:** Fall 2021  
(First term when no student data will be reported for this program)

*Please use this form for academic program termination. The form should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for consideration. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012, and submit this form to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. For doctoral level programs, please submit this form with all appropriate signatures for Board of Governor's consideration. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT when approving program terminations.*

**1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.**

This degree program has no current enrollment. This program was on the BOG Low Degree Productivity alert in both 2015 and 2019. The College anticipates no further need for this degree program as student interest in this area is now covered in the curriculum and instruction program and students have been steered in that direction.

- 2. Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.**

The degree program has been offered mainly on the Boca Raton campus. Faculty affiliated with this program provide instruction in other degree programs in the College of Education on multiple campuses. As there has been very little enrollment in this program for years, the impact on enrollment, enrollment planning and resources for the College is negligible.

- 3. Explain how the university intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program.**

No faculty or students are currently active in the degree program. All faculty who taught in the program offer instruction in other programs in the College of Education and the program currently has no student enrollment.

- 4. Please provide the date when the teach-out plan was submitted to SACSCOC. Include a copy of the notification letter with your submission.**

SACSCOC was advised about the zero enrollment and likelihood of the eventual closure of the program in June 2020. FAU was advised to place the program on temporary suspension until a decision for closure was made.

- 5. Provide data (and cite sources) on the gender and racial distribution of students in and faculty affiliated with the program. For faculty, also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.**

No students are enrolled in the program. No faculty will be negatively impacted by this termination as all provide instruction in other programs at FAU.


**6. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students in the program.**

There are currently no active students in the program. All faculty will still provide instruction in the College of Education and therefore the mix of female and minority faculty will remain the same.

**7. If this is a baccalaureate program, please explain how and when the Florida College System (FCS) institutions have been notified of its termination so that students can be notified accordingly.**

The proposed termination is a masters level degree program.

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 _____ Requestor/Initiator	<u>12/1/20</u> _____ Date
_____ Signature of Campus EO Officer	_____ Date
_____ Signature of College Dean	_____ Date
_____ Signature of President or Vice President for Academic Affairs	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Chair of the Board of Trustees	_____ Date
_____ Date Approved by the Board of Trustees	