

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department Curriculum and Instruction College Education		
Program Name Masters in Elementary Education		☐ New Program* ☒ Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2023
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment. 1. Admission deadline change to March 1, June 1, October 1 2. Admission requirements change -Applicants will be required to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, submit a transcript, personal statement, two letters of recommendation (optional) and resume. Students would no longer be required to submit a GRE score. (Please see attached for additional explanation)			
*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.			
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Email this form and attachments to UGPC@fau.edu 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

Masters of Elementary Education Proposed Changes and Rationale

The faculty of the department of Curriculum and Instruction are requesting to modify the admission requirements for the Masters in Elementary Education. This change comes as a result of the FAU Graduate College's waiving of the GRE requirements continuing through 2022 due to the COVID-19 challenges facing graduate applicants. In accordance with this exemption, our department has accepted candidates into this graduate program resulting in applicants demonstrating the ability to complete graduate level courses successfully without having taken the Graduate Record Examination and showing significant program growth. Additionally, we want to standardize admission requirements for all our master's degree programs in our newly merged department (previously CCEI and Teaching & Learning) as well as to better serve the education community in response to the critical teacher shortages occurring locally and nationally. These proposed changes would make the degree more accessible to all applicants, allow us to remain competitive with other local and national institutions offering a similar degree program, and offer an increased number of students within the critical shortage areas the opportunity to pursue graduate education. If this change is approved, applicants will be required to have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, submit a transcript, personal statement, two letters of recommendation (optional) and resume. Students would no longer be required to submit a GRE score. If the change is approved, it would necessitate a change in the university catalog to update the change in admission graduate requirements to this degree.

Proposed admission deadline change for new graduate students: Fall admittance by June 1st, Spring admittance by Oct. 1st, and Summer admittance by March 1st. Students with special circumstances requesting late admittance into a specific semester will be considered by the department. This proposed change would allow for increased efficiency with new student registration by better aligning to registration deadlines.

Proposed Changes to Admissions Requirements for the catalog

Currently in the Catalog:

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1. Graduate application;
2. Official transcripts;
3. Official copy of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) not older than five years.

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A maximum of one-third of the total graduate credits taken at FAU as a non-degree student may be applied to the degree program, if approved by the advisor. Up to 6 credits of non-degree program transfer courses may be accepted from other universities at the discretion of the advisor and/or committee.

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Proposed Admission Requirements, changes are highlighted in yellow in Table below:

Master's Programs

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1. Graduate application
2. Official transcripts
- Official copy of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) not older than five years.
3. Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0
4. Personal Statement
5. Resume
6. Two letters of recommendation that highlight the candidate's academic potential from a previous professor, employer, or colleague (optional, at the discretion of each program)

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Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 2:52 PM

To: Charles Dukes <cdukes@fau.edu>

Subject: RE: Department of Curriculum and Instruction Proposed Changes to Masters Programs

Charles,

Thank you for your consultation on these programmatic changes to your programs. As you know I have consulted with my Research Methodology faculty and while we have some concerns we understand why you are making these changes and we will not object to your proposals moving forward.

From: Charles Dukes

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:46 PM

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Rationale

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Charles,

No conflicts from SPED. Thanks.

Regards,
R. Ramasamy



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