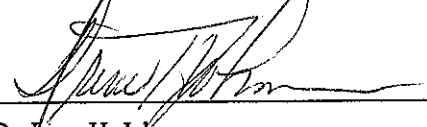


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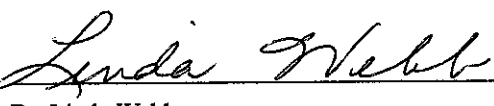
**Transmittal Form for Program Change**

The Ed.S. Program in the Department of Counselor Education is seeking change in degree requirements to bring it in line with other Ed. S. programs in the College of Education and with neighboring Ed.S. Counseling programs. The proposal also involves a corresponding change in catalog description which will read:

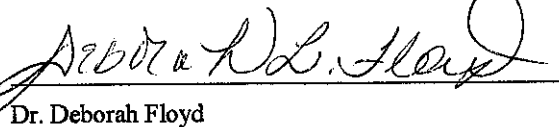
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Dr. Irene H. Johnson,  
Chair, Department of Counselor Education/Professor

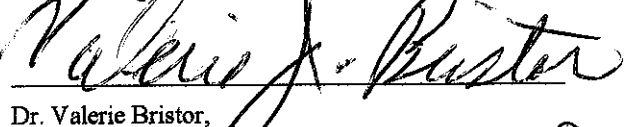
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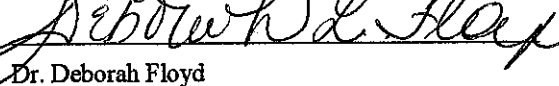
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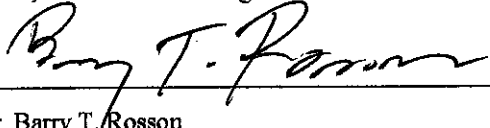
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President, Faculty Senate

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**DOCUMENTATION—December, 2011**

***Description, Rationale, and Proposed Change to the Specialist Degree***

Prepared by Drs. Len Sperry & Irene Johnson

The Department of Counselor Education is requesting a change in the catalog description and in the number of credits for its Education Specialist degree ( Ed.S.).

**Description:** Several years ago the Department of Counselor Education increased the required number of hours for its M.Ed. from 48 credits to 60 credits. Before the change, the Ed.S. required 24 credit hours beyond the 48 credit hour M.Ed. for a total 72 credits hours beyond the bachelor's degree. However, no adjustment was made in the Ed.S. credit hour requirement, so that today, the requirement remains at 84 credit hours [24 credit hours beyond the 60 credit hour M.Ed].

**Rationale:** At 84 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree, the Counselor Education Ed.S. is problematic. First, it is 12 credits more than other FAU Ed.S. programs, wherein both the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership and in Curriculum and Instruction require only 72 graduate credit hours. It is also involves more hours than two FAU doctoral programs ([Ph.D. in Public Administration and the DNP in Nursing]. Second, the Ed.S. in Counselor Education requires up to 24 credits more than competing counseling programs. This means that current FAU requirements effectively favor graduates from shorter masters [45- 48 credit hour] programs, such as Nova Southeastern University, St. Thomas University, and Palm Beach Atlantic University and is discriminatory to our FAU program graduates. Third, it is a disincentive and demoralizing for FAU graduates in that the cost is double what students coming from other program pay.

The requested change will bring (1) FAU Counselor Education Ed.S. credit hour requirements in alignment with neighboring programs, (2) restore equity with other Ed.S. programs in the College of Education, and (3) will stop the unintended discrimination against our M.Ed. graduates.

This credit hour inequity can be rectified by approving the proposed change. It will also simplify the somewhat confusing language of the current catalog description.

**Proposed Change:**

***Current Catalog Description:***

“For Counselor Education, students must complete a minimum of 33 credits in an approved program. With permission, students may transfer into their Ed.S. program 6-9 credits from an approved master's degree program. These 6-9 credits may be added to the minimum 24 credits above the master's degree. This will equal a total of at least 72 graduate credits above the bachelor's degree.”

“Note: Up to 9 graduate credits may be transferred from a previous master's degree (in counseling or closely related field) from FAU. Up to 6 graduate credits may be transferred from a previous master's degree (in counseling or closely related field) from another university.” (FAU 2010-11 Catalog)

**Proposed Catalog Description:**

“Those seeking the Ed.S. in one of the Counselor Education tracks must complete an approved program with a minimum of 72 graduate credits. Additional coursework and other requirements may be required for certification or licensure. Likewise, additional coursework may be required to remove deficiencies.”

*This proposed change has already been approved by the Department of Counselor Education faculty and signed off by the chairs of the other departments within the College of Education.*

## Darlene Frederick

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**From:** Irene Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** Darlene Frederick  
**Subject:** FW: Changes to Counseling Program

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**From:** Michael Brady  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** Irene Johnson  
**Cc:** Sharon Darling; Rangasamy Ramasamy  
**Subject:** Changes to Counseling Program

Irene – I'm responding to your request from the ESE Department regarding changes to your Ed Specialist degree. It is difficult for me to imagine that students in your Department can earn an Educational Specialist degree with only 12 credits beyond the master's degree. However, it is my understanding that letters from the departments should be concerned primarily with the question of whether courses and degrees proposed by other departments will duplicate or conflict with our own courses and degrees. On that question, I do not see any conflict.

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Colleagues:

I hope this message provides clarity to the previous request regarding revisions to the CE Ed.S. degree.

The current Ed.S. degree requirement for FAU Counseling program graduates is a minimum of **84 graduate credit**. This is **12 credits** more that FAU's Ed.S. programs in **Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction require**. Moreover, the current Ed.S. in Counselor Education requires up to **24 credits** more that some **competing counseling programs**.

Therefore, we are proposing to change the **minimum** number hour **from 84 to 72 credit hours** beyond the bachelor's degree. The curriculum content will not change. For example students seeking the Ed.S. with a major in Mental Health Counseling who are graduates of the FAU 60 hour M.ED. in Counselor Education must complete an approved program with a **minimum of 12 credits**.

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Thanks Irene

I approve these changes.  
B. Lee Jones  
Counselor Supervisor  
10-13-11

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*I approve of the changes described.*

*Deena Louise Wener  
Assoc. Prof & Chair  
CSP*

*10-13-2011*

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*I don't care.  
Barbara DTL  
This means I approve - it  
doesn't impact us.*

Proposed Changes in Course Requirements

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Comment [DF1]: Deleted: with a major in Mental Health Counseling

Those seeking the Ed.S. with a major in School Counseling AND are seeking initial DOE certification must complete an approved program with a minimum of 24 credits above the master's degree. Graduates with other FAU degrees or from other institutions may need additional courses.

Comment [DF2]:

N.B.: Applicants should be aware that, besides graduate coursework, additional requirements must be met to qualify for certification and/or licensure.

OK for EDLBM 10/12/11  
[Signature]

## Darlene Frederick

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**From:** Irene Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 3:25 PM  
**To:** Darlene Frederick  
**Subject:** FW: The Ed.S. program proposal

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**From:** Jim McLaughlin  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2011 8:33 AM  
**To:** Irene Johnson  
**Subject:** The Ed.S. program proposal

Irene:

There is no conflict with your proposal for the Ed.S. and the courses or programs in the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry. Take care.

Jim McLaughlin

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