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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Education to change the name of the following area of emphasis under the major in Professional Counseling (M.Ed.) will be an agenda item for the March 23, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: Area of Emphasis in Community Counseling
To: Area of Emphasis in Mental Health Counseling

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College: College of Education

Department: Counseling and Human Development Services

Major: Professional Counseling (M.Ed.)

Area of Emphasis Changes:

Current Area of Emphasis Name: Community Counseling

Proposed Area of Emphasis Name: Mental Health Counseling

Effective Date: Summer 2018

JUSTIFICATION:

The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services proposes to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Community Counseling under the major in Professional Counseling (M.Ed.) to the Area of Emphasis in Mental Health Counseling. This proposed change is consistent with the provision of science-based education and training in the practice of counseling and psychological services at the master's level. Many other research extensive institutions have moved to the degree name Mental Health Counseling. The change would modernize the area of emphasis to be consistent with these recognized programs in the country and the general trend in the field to move from Community to Mental Health Counseling. Similar programs can be found at institutions such as Pennsylvania State University, University of Florida, and the University of Michigan.

A major accreditation body, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, has also required with its 2009 standards revision that programs transition to clinical mental health counseling programs.

Approvals on File

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To: Area of Emphasis in Mental Health Counseling

College: College of Education

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2018

Department:

- Counseling and Human Development Services Department Head, Dr. Brian Glaser, 1/29/2018

School/College:

- College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 2/26/2018

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Suzanne Barbour, 3/6/2018