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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Special Education Adapted Curriculum and Autism to the Area of Emphasis in Adapted Curriculum and Autism under the majors in Special Education (M.A.T.) and Special Education (M.Ed.) will be an agenda item for the March 14, 2025, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Date: January 14, 2025

Department/Division: Communication Sciences and Special Education

School/College/Unit: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2025

Program (Major and Degree): Special Education (M.A.T.)
Special Education (M.Ed.)

PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name:

Area of Emphasis in Special Education Adapted Curriculum and Autism

Proposed Program Name:

Area of Emphasis in Adapted Curriculum and Autism

JUSTIFICATION:

The department requests this change to remove duplicated information in the program name. Specifically, part of the Area of Emphasis name is included in the degree names, Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Special Education and Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education. For the Area of Emphasis that falls under the M.A.T. and M.Ed. degrees in Special Education, the name should be “Adapted Curriculum and Autism.” This naming is consistent with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission’s certification area. The addition of “and Autism” reflects a particular disability which is a focus of the faculty in this preparation program and a primary category of disability that teachers support with this credential.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Special Education Adapted Curriculum and Autism under the majors in Special Education (M.A.T.) and Special Education (M.Ed.) to the Area of Emphasis in Adapted Curriculum and Autism

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Communication Sciences and Special Education

Proposed Effective Term: Summer 2025

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 1/14/2025
- Head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education, Dr. Bethany Hamilton-Jones, 1/14/2025
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 3/12/2025