

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name:	Degree	Proposed Major Name	Degree
<i>Guidance & Counseling</i>	<i>M.Ed.</i>	<i>Professional Counseling</i>	<i>M.Ed.</i>

<i>Guidance & Counseling</i>	<i>Ed.S.</i>	<i>Professional School Counseling</i>	<i>Ed.S.</i>
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A justification is attached.

SIGNATURES:

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Currently in the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, we offer master's degrees in school and community counseling. Both programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Currently, both programs result in a M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling, "*Guidance and Counseling*" is considered dated language by our professional associations, connected to stereotypical roles and responsibilities that no longer reflect the level of preparation and practice of our graduates. Our department would like to request a degree name change (from *Guidance and Counseling* to *Professional Counseling*) that would reflect the more current language of our profession.

As we seek to change the name of our master's programs, it seems to also be prudent to change the Ed.S. Program, which also uses the dated terminology. The Ed.S. Program is offered in school counseling and results in advanced certification from the PSC. The name change to *Professional School Counseling* would more accurately reflect the curricular content.

The suggested name changes will also provide consistency between how these programs are listed and identified by the Board of Regents and how the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services promotes and advertises these programs.