The University Senate recommends the Graduate Council report dated September 2013 and as amended in the Senate (pulled: Proposal to Create a Temporary Course) to the Provost for endorsement.

Margaret Crowder

GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

DATE: September 2013
FROM: The Graduate School

The Graduate Council submits the following items from the August 15, 2013 meeting for consideration.

Consent Items:

I. Delete a Course
   PSY 490G Research Project in Psychology
   PSY 501 Internet Instruction
   ART 500 Early Medieval Art
   ART 501 Romanesque and Gothic Art

II. Revise a Course Catalog Listing
    CD 590 Clinical Internship

Action Items:

I. Make Multiple Revisions to a Course
   CD 591 Clinical Externship

II. Create a New Course
    CD 501 Early Intervention in Speech-Language Pathology
    CD 579 Seminar in Professional Issues
    CD 588 Clinical Methods

III. Revise a Program
     0458 Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification
     0495 Secondary Education for Initial Certification
     114 Master of Science: Communication Disorders

IV. Create a New Policy
    Establish Minimum Credit Requirements for Graduate Degrees
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Department of Psychology  
Proposal to Delete a Course  
(Consent Item)

Contact Persons: Originally done by Baker, John, john.baker1@wku.edu, 745-5149  
Current contact is Steven Wininger, steven.wininger@wku.edu, 5-4421

1. Identification of course:
   1.1 Current course prefix (subject area) and number: PSY 490G
   1.2 Course title: Research Project in Psychology

2. Rationale for the course deletion: The course is no longer needed in the current Psychology curriculum; the course was needed in a previous curriculum. The course has not been taught since 2001.

3. Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known: none.


5. Dates of prior committee approvals:
   - Psychology Department: 2/15/13
   - CEBS Curriculum Committee: 5/7/13
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: _________
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Department of Psychology
Proposal to Delete a Course
(Consent Item)

Contact Persons: Originally done by Baker, John, john.baker1@wku.edu, 745-5149
Current contact is Steven Wininger, steven.wninger@wku.edu, 5-4421

1. **Identification of course:**
   1.1 Current course prefix (subject area) and number: PSY 501
   1.2 Course title: Internet Instruction

2. **Rationale for the course deletion:** The course is no longer needed in the current Psychology curriculum; the course was needed in a previous curriculum. The course has not been taught since 2002.

3. **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:** none.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Winter 2014

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Psychology Department: 2/15/13
   - CEBS Curriculum Committee: 5/7/13
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: ________
Potter College of Arts & Letters  
Department of Art  
Proposal to Delete a Course  
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Brent Oglesbee, brent.oglesbee@wku.edu, 5-6566

1. **Identification of course:**
   1.3 Current course prefix (subject area) and number: ART 500  
   1.4 Course title: Early Medieval Art  
   1.5 Credit hours: 3

2. **Rationale for the course deletion:**
   Department curriculum revisions in other courses have absorbed the themes covered in this class, making it an unnecessary offering.

3. **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:**
   Deleting this course will have no adverse affects on student matriculation.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall, 2013

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Art Department/Division: 4/1/13  
   - Potter College Curriculum Committee: 5/2/2013  
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13  
   - University Senate: __________

**Attachment:** Course Inventory Form
Potter College of Arts & Letters  
Department of Art  
Proposal to Delete a Course  
(Consent Item)  

Contact Person: Brent Oglesbee, brent.oglesbee@wku.edu, 5-6566

1. **Identification of course:**
   1.1 Current course prefix (subject area) and number: ART 501
   1.2 Course title: Romanesque and Gothic Art
   1.3 Credit hours: 3

2. **Rationale for the course deletion:**
   Department curriculum revisions in other courses have absorbed the themes covered in this class, making it an unnecessary offering.

3. **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:**
   Deleting this course will have no adverse affects on student matriculation.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall, 2013

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Art Department/Division: 4/1/13
   - Potter College Curriculum Committee: 5/2/2013
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: __________

**Attachment:** Course Inventory Form
Contact Person: Lauren E. Bland, lauren.bland@wku.edu, 745-8860

1. **Identification of course:**
   1.6 Course prefix and number: CD 590
   1.7 Course title: Clinical Internship
   1.8 Credit hours: 1

2. **Current course catalog listing:** Advanced, supervised, clinical practicum that provides varied on campus experiences with clients having more acute communication disorders. Repeat for total of 3 hours; maximum of two allowed in one semester.

3. **Proposed course catalog listing:** Advanced, supervised, clinical practicum that provides varied on campus experiences with clients presenting communication disorders. Repeat for total of 2 hours; maximum of one hour allowed per semester.

4. **Rationale for revision of the course catalog listing:** Our proposal is to allow the course to be repeated for up to 2 hours, not 3. We also want to limit the number of hours for which a student enrolls each semester to ensure that the number and variety of clinical experiences is stable and predictable.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Communication Disorders Department: April 3, 2013
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee: April 22, 2013
   - Professional Education Council: 5-8-2013
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: 

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College of Health and Human Services
Department of Communication Disorders
Proposal to Make Multiple Revisions to a Course
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Lauren Bland, lauren.bland@wku.edu, 745-8860

1. **Identification of course:**
   1.1 Current course prefix and number: CD 591
   1.2 Course title: Clinical Externship
   1.3 Credit hours: 2

2. **Revise course title:** NA

3. **Revise course number:** NA

4. **Revise course prerequisites/corequisites/special requirements:** NA

5. **Revise course catalog listing:**
   5.1 Current course catalog listing: Advanced, supervised on-site clinical experience in a variety of settings including schools, private practices, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and home health agencies. Clinical hours meet ASHA certification requirements. Maximum of two hours per semester.
   5.2 Proposed course catalog listing: Advanced, supervised clinical experience in a variety of settings external to the campus. Maximum of 3 hours per semester. Repeatable for a maximum of 6 hours.
   5.3 Rationale for revision of course catalog listing: The proposed listing does not limit the types of settings in which students might complete a clinical rotation. In addition, it specifies the total number of hours in which a student can enroll.

6. **Revise course credit hours:**
   6.1 Current course credit hours: 2
   6.2 Proposed course credit hours: 2-3
   6.3 Rationale for revision of course credit hours:
   Currently a student enrolls in Externship three times for 2 credit hours each. The students are required to earn a minimum of 50 clinical hours. Students and supervisors in some of the external sites have asked that the students stay in selected sites for longer time to ensure skill and competency development. This proposal will allow students wanting to go to sites requiring more time to do so. Students enrolling in the 3-hour externship will need to earn at least 75 hours.

7. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

8. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Communication Disorders Department: 4/3/2013
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee: April 22, 2013
   - Professional Education Council: 5/8/2013
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: ___________________
1. Identification of proposed course:
   1.1 Course prefix and number: CD 501
   1.2 Course title: Early Intervention in Speech-Language Pathology
   1.3 Abbreviated course title: Early Intervention in SLP
   1.4 Credit hours: 3
   1.5 Type of course: L
   1.6 Prerequisites: admission to the graduate program in CD or permission of instructor
   1.7 Course catalog listing: Theory and practice in the assessment and intervention of speech and language disorders in the infant/toddler population.

2. Rationale:
   2.1 Reason for developing the proposed course: The scope of practice for speech-language pathology includes work with infants, toddlers and their families. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association requires that students demonstrate competency in prevention of communication disorders. The department feels that since early intervention is a type of secondary prevention, a course covering that topic would ensure compliance with the professional certification standards. As this is a course designed to improve our graduates’ ability to provide improved clinical services to infants, toddlers and their families, we feel that this course supports the university mission of service to constituents. By helping those with delayed or disordered communication, the course will help steward a high quality of life for those in the communities we serve.
   2.2 Projected enrollment in the proposed course: 24 – 25 based on the number of students enrolled in each of the department’s cohorts
   2.3 Relationship of the proposed course to courses now offered by the department: CD 504 Seminar in Child Language looks at language disorders in children but primarily in school-age children. This course will precede the CD 504 class in sequence.
   2.4 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other departments: Other departments offer coursework in various areas of service delivery to the infant/toddler population; such as NURS 546 Primary Care of the Infant, Child, and Adolescent or IECE 550 Advanced IECE Curriculum Development; but none specifically in speech-language pathology.
   2.5 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other institutions: University of Kentucky CD 745 Pediatric Feeding and Motor Speech Disorders; James Madison University- CSD 530. Early Intervention; East Carolina University CSDI 6111. Communication Disorders in Infants and Toddlers; Central Michigan University- Infant-Toddler Communication: Assessment and Intervention; Ball State University – CD 610 Child Language: Birth to Five

3. Discussion of proposed course:
   3.1 Course objectives: Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:
      • Develop an understanding of pertinent background information and the major etiologies of communication disorders in infants and toddlers
      • Plan, implement, evaluate and modify language intervention strategies across various settings
      • Develop an awareness of issues pertinent to service delivery such as cultural diversity, behavior management, and collaboration
      • Develop strategies for the prevention of language disorders
      • Develop appropriate knowledge and skills in professional issues
3.2 Content outline:
Roles of speech-language pathologists in NICU
Roles of speech-language pathologists in early intervention settings
Public policy and early intervention
Prevention and service delivery with infants and toddlers
Working with families and other professionals in early intervention

3.3 Student expectations and requirements: Research project, presentations, exams, demonstrations

3.4 Tentative texts and course materials:

4. Resources:
4.1 Library resources: adequate, per documentation on the Library Resource form
4.2 Computer resources: adequate

5. Budget implications:
5.1 Proposed method of staffing: current faculty; 2 faculty members currently employed in the department will earn their terminal degrees by Fall 2014 which will enable them to become members of the graduate faculty
5.2 Special equipment needed: none
5.3 Expendable materials needed: none
5.4 Laboratory materials needed: none

6. Proposed term for implementation: Fall 2014

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:
Communication Disorders Department  4/3/2013
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee  April 22, 2013
Professional Education Council  5/8/2013
Graduate Council  8/15/13
University Senate  

Proposal Date: April 1, 2013

College of Health and Human Services
Department of Communication Disorders
Proposal to Create a New Course
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Lauren E. Bland, lauren.bland@wku.edu, 745-8860

1. Identification of proposed course:
   1.1 Course prefix and number: CD 579
   1.2 Course title: Seminar in Professional Issues
   1.3 Abbreviated course title: Seminar in Professional Issues
   1.4 Credit hours: 1 credit hour
   1.5 Type of course: S
   1.6 Prerequisites: permission of instructor
   1.7 Course catalog listing: Current local, regional, and national issues that impact speech-language pathology service delivery. Includes requirements for state licensure and national certification.

2. Rationale:
   2.1 Reason for developing the proposed course: CD 510 Seminar in Professional Issues has been taught in the Communication Disorders program for years. It is an essential part of the curriculum. The department is proposing to expand the curriculum to include courses that will now cover large parts of what has previously been covered in the 3 credit hour course. In addition, much of what has typically been covered is now readily available through the web and other sources. The department is confident that the critical content can be effectively covered in 1 credit hour. As this is a course designed to improve our graduates' ability to provide adequate professional services, we feel that this course supports the university mission of service to constituents. By helping others improve delayed or disordered communication, the course will help steward a high quality of life for those in the communities we serve.
   2.2 Projected enrollment in the proposed course: 24-25 based on the number of students enrolled in each cohort.
   2.3 Relationship of the proposed course to courses now offered by the department: The department currently offers CD 510 for 3 semester hours.
   2.4 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other departments: Many departments across the university offer courses to prepare its students for professional practice in their chosen fields such as DPT 760 Professional Issues, NURS 508 Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing, and AMS 630 Legal Issues in Technology. None however are specific to speech-language pathology.
   2.5 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other institutions: Ball State University: SPAA 629 - Professional Issues in Speech-Language Pathology; Missouri State University: CSD 878-(4) Professional Issues/Practice Management; Western Illinois University: CSD 503 Seminar in Professional Affairs; Florida Atlantic University: SPA 6006- Professional Practice and Program Organization in Speech-Language Pathology; University of Northern Iowa: CSD 6100 Professional Issues; University of Louisville: CMDS 668 Professional Issues in Audiology and Speech Pathology; Murray State University: CDI 601 Professional Issues; Eastern Kentucky University: CDS 870 Professional Issues

3. Discussion of proposed course:
   3.1 Course objectives: Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:
      • Explain the organization of relevant professional associations relative to their roles in advocacy, employment, and service delivery
      • Explain the requirements and processes for obtaining relevant professional certification and licensure
• Demonstrate an understanding of the role of cultural diversity in the delivery of speech-language pathology services
• Demonstrate knowledge of public policy and its impact on reimbursement and service delivery

3.2 Content outline:
- Review structure, role, and certification standards of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Review relevant state professional organizations, licensure and teacher certification
- Review position papers and guidelines for SLP practice with diverse populations
- Develop resume preparation and job search skills

3.3 Student expectations and requirements: projects, presentations, reflection papers
3.4 Tentative texts and course materials:
Membership and Certification handbook of the American Speech Language Hearing Association

4. Resources:
4.1 Library resources: adequate (refer to Library Resource form for details)
4.2 Computer resources: adequate

5. Budget implications:
5.1 Proposed method of staffing: current faculty; 2 faculty members currently employed in the department will earn their terminal degrees by Fall 2014 which will enable them to become members of the graduate faculty
5.2 Special equipment needed: none
5.3 Expendable materials needed: none
5.4 Laboratory materials needed: none

6. Proposed term for implementation: Fall 2014

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:
Communication Disorders Department  4/3/2013
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Professional Education Council  5/8/13
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University Senate 
Proposal Date: April 3, 2013

College of Health and Human Services
Department of Communication Disorders
Proposal to Create a New Course
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Jo Shackelford, jo.shackelford@wku.edu, 745-4306

1. Identification of proposed course:
   1.1 Course prefix and number: CD 588
   1.2 Course title: Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology
   1.3 Abbreviated course title: Clinical Methods in SLP
   1.4 Credit hours: 1
   1.5 Type of course: C
   1.6 Prerequisites: Acceptance to graduate CD program and permission of instructor
   1.7 Course catalog listing: Introduction to clinical policies and procedures in speech-language pathology

2. Rationale:
   2.1 Reason for developing the proposed course: A course of this type will prepare students for clinical practicum (CD 590), and will provide them with needed information and skills before they begin working with clients. As this is a course designed to improve clinical service delivery in speech-language pathology to clients served by our graduate students, we feel that this course supports the university mission of service to constituents. By helping others improve delayed or disordered communication, the course will help steward a high quality of life for those in the communities we serve. This course will ensure excellence in the delivery of speech-language pathology services.
   2.2 Projected enrollment in the proposed course: 24-25 based each cohort
   2.3 Relationship of the proposed course to courses now offered by the department: There are no other similar courses offered within the CD department.
   2.4 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other departments: Other clinical departments within WKU offer clinical methods courses, such as SWRK 510 Generalist Social Work Practice and NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment, but none related specifically to communication disorders.
   2.5 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other institutions: Indiana State Univ.: CD 522 Methods and Administration in CD; Ohio Univ.: CSD 6340 Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology; Univ. of Southern Mississippi: SHS 518 Clinical Methods; U of L: CMDS 671 Clinical Methods in SLP.

3. Discussion of proposed course:
   3.1 Course objectives: This course will provide students with skills and knowledge needed to begin working with clients in the university clinic setting. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:
   - State clinic policies and procedures
   - Locate and use materials and equipment related to client needs
   - Follow universal precautions procedures and privacy regulations relevant to a university clinic caseload
   - Write goals and objectives
   - Collect and summarize clinical data
   - Write diagnostic and treatment clinical reports
   - Demonstrate behavior management techniques
   - Demonstrate client interviewing and counseling techniques
   - Indicate appropriate referrals based on client needs
   3.2 Content outline:
• Clinic policies and procedures
• Clinic materials and equipment for therapy
• Universal precautions and privacy regulations
• Goal and objective writing
• Data collection and report writing
• Behavior management with clients
• Interviewing and counseling clients
• Making client referrals

3.3 Student expectations and requirements: Projects, discussion, report writing, exams
3.4 Tentative texts and course materials:

4. Resources:
4.1 Library resources: Adequate (see the Library Resource form)
4.2 Computer resources: Adequate

5. Budget implications:
5.1 Proposed method of staffing: Current staff; 2 faculty members currently employed in the department will earn their terminal degrees by Fall 2014 which will enable to them to become members of the graduate faculty
5.2 Special equipment needed: None
5.3 Expendable materials needed: None
5.4 Laboratory materials needed: None

6. Proposed term for implementation: Fall 2014

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:
Communication Disorders Department: ______April 3, 2013______
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee ______April 22, 2013______
Professional Education Council ______5/8/2013______
Graduate Council ______8/15/13______
University Senate ________________
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
School of Teacher Education
Proposal to Revise a Program
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Michael McDonald, michael.mcdonald@wku.edu, 5-3097; Martha Day, Martha.day@wku.edu

1. Identification of program:
   1.1 Current program reference number: 0458
   1.2 Current program title: Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification
   1.3 Credit hours: 30 hours

2. Identification of the proposed program changes:
   • Add in Educational Psychology Course
   • Add the word “or” between the two research course choices.

3. Detailed program description:

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Note that Concentrations 1 and 2 appear identical; however, the differences between these concentrations are characterized by students with and without a temporary provisional teaching certificate and those who must meet the equivalent of the state required student teaching requirements along with the specific content area in which students are seeking certification.

Students in all three concentrations are expected to become competent in theory, research, and application of best teaching practices in their respective fields and to...
of best teaching practices in their respective fields and to exhibit appropriate teacher disposition behaviors as indicated by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Teacher Disposition Rating Form. All professional education courses in the program require satisfactory completion of critical performance indicators (CPIs); these must be submitted as directed before the final course grade is recorded. Each course’s CPIs become a part of the student’s portfolio that is reviewed periodically throughout the program.

Students who seek admission to the Alternate Route to Teacher Certification must meet additional requirements in order to qualify for temporary provisional certification, and they must complete all requirements for certification within three years of the time of employment by a school district. A recommendation for professional certification will be contingent upon successful completion of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) and submission of qualifying scores on all required examinations for the desired area of certification. Additional information about the Alternate Route to Teacher Certification concentrations may be found on the website for the Office of Teacher Services.

Upon successful completion of the MAT in Middle Grades Education for Initial Certification and satisfaction of all other certification requirements, students who do not participate in the Alternate Route to Certification concentrations but participate in the Standard Concentration will qualify for a Statement of Eligibility for Certification. The Internship course, for these students must be a full semester or equivalent in length.

Students in the residency (GSKyTeach) concentration must meet all expectations associated with that residency program.

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| Strategies/Literacy Component: |
| LTCY 510: Methods of Teaching Literacy to Adolescents (3 hrs.) |

| Exceptional Education and Diversity Component: |
| EDU 522: Fundamentals of Differentiated Instruction (3 hrs.) |

| Research and Assessment Component: |
| EDU 570: Educational Assessment for All Learners (3 hrs.) |

| TCHL 520: Principles of Action Research for Teacher Leaders (3 hrs.) |

| EDFN 500: Research Methods (3 hrs.) |

| Educational Technology Component: |
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| Exceptional Education and Diversity Component: |
| EDU 522: Fundamentals of Differentiated Instruction (3 hrs.) |

| Research and Assessment Component: |
| EDU 570: Educational Assessment for All Learners (3 hrs.) |

| TCHL 520: Principles of Action Research for Teacher Leaders (3 hrs.) (AND OR) |

| EDFN 500: Research Methods (3 hrs.) |

| Educational Technology Component: |
| LME 535: Survey of Educational Technology Practices (3 hrs.) |

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Identification of program:
1. Current program reference number: 0495
2. Current program title: Secondary Education for Initial Certification
3. Credit hours: 36 hours

Identification of the proposed program changes:
- Remove Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences from the Alternate Route to Certification
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3. Residency Concentration for Science and Mathematics (Secondary 8-12) (e.g. GSKyTeach)

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4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:**
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Professional Education Council: 6/12/13
Graduate Council: 8/15/13
University Senate: _____
1. Identification of program:
   1.1 Current program reference number: 114
   1.2 Current program title: Master of Science: Communication Disorders
   1.3 Credit hours: 49

2. Identification of the proposed program changes:
   - Increase the number of credit hours from 49 to 60
   - Add CD 501 and CD 509 to required curriculum
   - Replace CD 510 with CD 579 in the required curriculum
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4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:**
   - The program changes represent alignment with other universities in the state who also require 60 + credit hours to complete a master’s degree in CSD. The University of Kentucky, Murray State University, and the University of Louisville master’s degrees are 60-credit programs. Eastern Kentucky University’s master’s degree is a 63-credit program. Certification standards warrant the addition of courses in order to provide students’ mastery of skills and knowledge in the nine (9) critical areas of articulation, receptive/expressive language, cognitive aspects, fluency, hearing, social aspects, voice and resonance, swallowing, and communication modalities.
   - Accreditation standards require that students graduate eligible for certification. The proposed curriculum will do that by ensuring that there is core content across all 9 areas.
     - Praxis scores have shown a slight decline after CD 509 Speech Science was removed from the core curriculum so it will now be a required course.
     - CD 501 Early Intervention will cover the birth to preschool population which is a growing employment setting and specialty for speech-language pathologists.
     - CD 579 Professional Issues is included in the core curriculum to ensure that students have information about certification, licensure and other professional skills.
     - Distance learning students will take CD 588 Clinical Methods prior to taking CD 590 Clinical Internship. On-campus students will take 2 sections of CD 590 (one in the Fall semester and one in the Spring semester) and will receive the information provided in CD 588 during routine weekly, clinic meetings.
     - Student survey results have shown that students would benefit from additional courses related to their professional interests. These courses may include content like autism, cultural diversity, and pediatric dysphagia. By adding the increased electives provides this opportunity. Students will have the option to seek admission to the Professional Education Unit to be eligible for teacher certification upon graduation. The students who choose this path can use the additional required electives to satisfy the requirements of the EPSB.
   - Providing students with different lengths of externship placements allows them the flexibility in acquiring hands-on experience in either 2 long placements or 3 short placements. This change will help students meet individual career goals which have been indicated as a preference when students were surveyed in the past.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**
   - Communication Disorders Department: April 3, 2013
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee: April 22, 2013
   - Professional Education Council: May 8, 2013
   - Graduate Council: 8/15/13
   - University Senate: 

| Total | 49 | Total | 60 |
Proposal Date: March 4, 2013

College of Graduate Studies
Proposal to Create an Academic Policy
(Action Item)

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1. Identification of proposed policy revision: Minimum Credit Requirement for Degrees

2. Catalog statement of existing policy: None.

3. Catalog statement of proposed policy:

   Minimum Credit Requirement for Masters Degree
   The minimum semester credit requirement for masters degrees is thirty (30) credits. Individual programs may require more credits. Only those courses listed on a graduate Program of Study are applicable toward meeting graduate degree credit requirements. Six (6) to fifteen (15) thesis credits may be applied to meet the 30 credit minimum required for the degree. However, additional thesis hours may be taken to complete the thesis and will appear on the student’s transcript.

   Minimum Credit Requirement for Specialist in Education Degree
   The minimum semester credit requirement for the Specialist in Education degree is thirty (30) credits beyond the masters degree or sixty (60) credits for programs that do not require a masters degree for admission. Individual programs may require more credits. Only those courses listed on a graduate Program of Study are applicable toward meeting the Specialist in Education degree credit requirement. Six (6) to fifteen (15) thesis credits may be applied to meet the 30 credit minimum required for the degree. However, additional thesis hours may be taken to complete the thesis and will appear on the student’s transcript.

   Minimum Credit Requirement for Doctoral Degree
   The minimum semester credit requirement for the doctoral degree is sixty (60) credits post-baccalaureate or thirty (30) credits post-masters in a related field. Individual programs may require more credits. Only those courses listed on a graduate Program of Study are applicable toward meeting graduate degree credit requirements. Twelve (12) to thirty (30) dissertation credits may be applied to the 60 credit minimum required for the post-baccalaureate to doctoral degree. Six (6) to fifteen (15) dissertation credits may be applied to the 30 credit minimum required for the post-masters to doctoral degree. Additional dissertation hours may be taken to complete the dissertation and will appear on the student’s transcript.

4. Rationale for proposed policy revision: The new policy would put in description of minimum number of hours required for masters, specialist, and doctoral degrees.

5. Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies: None.

6. Proposed term for implementation: Fall 2013

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:
   Graduate Council Rules Committee 4-2-2013
   Graduate Council 8-15-13
   University Senate
   VP for Academic Affairs