

ATTACHMENT 2A-1

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3

NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request: **University of Arkansas Fayetteville**
2. Contact person/title: **Dr. Sharon L. Gaber, Provost**
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4. Proposed effective date: **Fall 2012**
5. Title of degree program: **B.S.E. in Childhood Education**
6. CIP Code: **13.1202**
7. Degree Code: **3770**
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: **Grades 5/6 Endorsement for P-4 candidates**

9. Reason for proposed action:

The University of Arkansas no longer has a Middle Level Program, leaving only a P-4 or 7-12 initial licensure option for teacher candidates. There is a great need in Arkansas for teachers who are highly qualified and certified to teach grades 5 and 6. The U of A does have an additional licensure program, or endorsement, in grades 5 and 6 only that can be added to a standard teaching area in grades P-4. The courses for this program currently exist and are approved by the Arkansas Department of Education as an Additional Licensure Program of Study. This modification does not require new courses, new faculty, or resources.

The Childhood Education faculty unanimously approved this change at their September 21, 2011 meeting. The UTEBIC board unanimously approved this change on October 6, 2011.

10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective:

The University of Arkansas Childhood Education licensure program currently offers two sub-specialty options from which candidates must choose in order to complete the program. They are special education and English as a second language. We are proposing to add the third option of grades 5/6 endorsement for P-4 candidates to prepare more candidates to fill the need in the state for highly qualified teachers in grades 5 and 6. The new option requires 12 hours. Nine hours are those currently required and approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for additional licensure in grades 5 and 6 endorsement. The additional 3 hours is an existing literacy course we believe and hear from our local school district stakeholders will better prepare those who teach these grades. It is a program requirement, but is not required for additional licensure.

11. Provide the following:

- a. Curriculum outline - List of required courses

CIED 3053 Emerging Adolescent

CIED 3043 Middle Level Principles and Methods

CIED 5353 Students with Diverse Needs in Middle Education Settings

CIED 5113 Reading in Middle Schools

b. New course descriptions

Only existing courses will be used.

c. Program goals and objectives

To prepare teacher candidates to be successful teachers at the 5th and 6th grade level.

d. Expected student learning outcomes

CIED 3053 Students will know and apply the developmental characteristics of early adolescents with implications for motivation, instruction, learning and classroom management.

CIED 3043 Students will also demonstrate use of the key components, principles, methodologies and research foundations of middle level education. In addition

CIED 5353 Students will acquire a knowledge base concerning issues involved in successful instruction of persons with special learning needs during the middle years.

CIED 5113 Students

12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery?

Concentration courses will be offered via distance learning, online delivery.

13. Mode of delivery to be used:

Online only.

14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used:

Web-based instruction using Blackboard for students enrolled in the on campus BSE program. Faculty will have expertise and training in middle level education and online teaching..

15. Is the **degree** approved for distance delivery?

No

16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses.

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17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

There are no anticipated additional costs. No new faculty lines are required since all these courses are currently offered.

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date:

