LETTER OF INTENT – 1

(New Certificate or Degree Program)

1. Institution Submitting Request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2. Education Program Contact Person/title: Dr. Terry Martin, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
3. Telephone Number/e-mail address: 479-575-2151; tmartin@uark.edu
4. Proposed Name of Certificate or Degree Program: Master of Education in Educational Equity
5. Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2019
6. Requested CIP Code: 13.1206 (Teacher Education, Multiple Levels)
7. Program Description: The proposed program is a 33-hour graduate program that prepares educators for high-needs school districts in Arkansas that cannot effectively recruit and retain high-quality teachers. While there are teacher shortages in numerous subject areas in Arkansas, the need for teachers in high-poverty school districts is extreme. The proposed graduate degree program will recruit teachers to teach full time in high-poverty districts and provide them with coursework and in-class support and mentoring that will help relieve the extreme teacher shortage in these districts while providing candidates in the degree program with rigorous coursework that will help prepare them for the significant challenges found in high-poverty districts. Coursework will focus on content-area support, practical pedagogical resources, and coaching.
8. Mode of Delivery (mark all that apply):

 **\_\_X\_\_\_On-Campus**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_Off-Campus Location**

Provide address of off-campus location \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Provide a copy of the e-mail notification to other institutions in the state notifying them of the proposed program. Please inform institutions not to send the response to **“Reply All”**. If you receive an objection/concern(s) from an institution, reply to the institution and copy ADHE on the email. That institution should respond and copy ADHE. If the objection/concern(s) cannot be resolved, ADHE may intervene.

 Submit copy of written notification to Higher Learning Commission (HLC) if notification required by HLC for a program offered at an off-campus location.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_Indicate distance of proposed site from main campus.

 **\_\_\_X\_\_\_Distance Technology** (50% of program offered by distance technology)

 Submit copy of written notification to HLC if notification is required by HLC for a program offered by distance technology.

1. List existing certificate or degree programs that support the proposed program:

M.Ed. in Education

Ph.D. in Education Policy

1. President/Chancellor Approval Date: January 21, 2019
2. Academic Affairs Officer: James S. Coleman Date: January 10, 2019