ATTACHMENT 5A-2

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION - 10

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
(12-18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas

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4. Proposed effective date: August 2012

5. Name of proposed Graduate Certificate Program (Program must consist of 12-18 semester credit hours from existing graduate courses).

    Educational Psychology

6. Proposed CIP Code   42.1801

7. Reason for proposed program implementation?

    Education psychology is a fundamental aspect of educational research and practice. Educational psychologists work in government, schools, and higher education, and play a vital role in understanding the learning process. Furthermore, educational psychology is a common component among research I institutes, especially flagship universities. We offer no program in the College of Education and Health Professions that trains professionals in educational psychology.

    Presently, no certification program or graduate degree program in educational psychology is available or has been developed at any post-secondary institution within Arkansas. The only Arkansas listing currently available is from the online entity - Capella University. In contrast, many research I institutions in surrounding states offer educational psychology programs including the University of Texas, University of Tennessee, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Missouri. Further, the University of Arkansas is the only institution in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) that does not have a program in this area. The need for this program in Arkansas, consistent with the Chancellor's research and scholarly mission, is essential for the COEHP to continue to expand and improve its academic reputation, and to provide a meaningful service to the state.

8. Provide documentation that proposed program has received full approval by licensure/certification entity. (A graduate certificate offered for teacher licensure must be approved by the Arkansas Department of Education prior to consideration by the Coordinating Board).

    No licensure or certification approval needed. (Groups such as NASP are used for school psychology degrees which are designed to certify school counselors, but this is not the intent for an educational psychology program.)

9. Will this program be offered on-campus, off-campus, or via distance delivery?   on-campus (however, some of the required courses are offered in multiple formats including both online and on-campus)

10. Provide the following:
    a.   Curriculum outline - List of required courses

    Program of Study (12 hours):
    - EDFD 5373 Foundations of Teaching and Learning
    - EDFD 5573 Lifespan of Human Development
    - EDFD 5673 Principles of Motivation
    - EDFD 5773 Advanced Topics in Educational Psychology

    Two courses from the following (6 hours):
    - ESRM 6413 Experimental Design
    - ESRM 6423 Multiple Regression Techniques for Education
    - ESRM 6653 Measurement and Evaluation

    b.   New course descriptions

    c.   Program goals and objectives

    The certificate prepares individuals to understand the socio-cognitive aspects that are relevant to all educational stakeholders including policy makers, administrators, teachers, students, and those who evaluate academic programs and school success. The certificate program will also develop skills needed for developing and evaluating educational programs that address underlying psychological components of the learning process.

    d.   Expected student learning outcomes

    - Students will demonstrate mastery of educational psychology concepts and their relationship to instructional environments.
    - The candidates will demonstrate potential for state and/or national levels of scholarship in the educational psychology area.

11. Identify off-campus location.

    Not applicable

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer: Date: