

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council on Teacher Education

FROM: Diane H. Jackman, Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies

DATE: March 1, 2016

RE: Executive Action Item

The following request was received from the Department of Special Education. I concur with the revisions and that ask the changes be made by executive action. The effective date should be Fall 2016.

Requested Change: Due to changes in the Early Childhood Education program, the following additions are necessary in the catalog copy specific to “Early Childhood Special Education Option with Early Childhood” catalog verbiage.

- Add History 3810, History of Illinois
- Add requirement of a GEO course to “Scientific Awareness” component of General Education (GEO must be Earth Science or Geology; may not use Geography)

Rationale for Change: These are changes that have been made to the Early Childhood Education program.

Catalog copy:

Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education

Total Semester Hours Required for the Degree: ~~165~~ 170 semester hours

Special Education Majors desiring to add the Early Childhood (Illinois) endorsement may do so by supplementing the Early Childhood Special Education Option with the aid of an academic advisor in the Department of Special Education.

Essentially this program may be accomplished as follows:

- **Scientific Awareness/Science:** Must complete a Physics or Chemistry Course, and a GEO course (may be Geology or Earth Science, but may not be Geography) in addition to the required Biological Science course.
- **Must complete History of Illinois, HIS 3810, in addition to the 6 s.h. required Social Sciences coursework.**

- Complete 8 s.h. student teaching in an inclusive Early Childhood setting
- 8 s.h. in Special Education, LBS I, with primary age learners.
- ELE 3225 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment: Birth – Age Five. Credits: 4
- ELE 3250 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment in the Primary Grades (K-3). Credits: 4
- ELE 3281 - Developmental Reading in Early Childhood. Credits: 3
- ELE 4100 - Assessing Student Learning: A Field-Based Experience. Credits: 3
- ELE 4280 - Content Area Reading in the Elementary, Middle and Secondary School. Credits: 3
- ELE 4770 - Teaching Science and Social Science in the Primary Grades (K-3). Credits: 3
- ELE 4775 - Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood. Credits: 3
- ELE 4880 - Diagnostic-Prescriptive Reading Instruction. Credits: 3

cc: Dr. Shank