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TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Amy Lubitow, Chair, Graduate Council

RE: Graduate Certificate in Added Elementary Endorsement

The following proposal has been approved by the Graduate Council and is recommended for approval by the Faculty Senate.

You may read the full text of the program proposal, as well as Budget Committee comments, at the [Online Curriculum Management System \(OCMS\) Curriculum Dashboard](#).

## **PROPOSAL SUMMARY FOR College of Education**

### **Graduate Certificate in Added Elementary Endorsement**

#### **Certificate Type**

Graduate certificate: Admission to graduate status required

#### **Effective Term**

Fall 2023

#### **Overview of the Program**

The Added Elementary Endorsement Program has been a part of the College of Education for years as a licensure-only program, meaning that upon successful completion of the program of study students would be recommended to the Oregon teacher licensing board (TSPC) to add an elementary teaching endorsement to their existing teaching license. This proposal would make the current Added Elementary Endorsement licensure-only program into a licensure + graduate certificate program.

The student pool for the Added Elementary Endorsement Graduate Certificate is currently licensed teachers in Oregon (e.g., secondary or special education teachers) who are looking to teach in an elementary classroom. The certificate is intentionally designed to build on students' previous teaching experience and knowledge in order to support students in applying their knowledge in the elementary classroom setting. Moreover, the objectives of the certificate are to support students in: (1) creating inclusive and equitable elementary learning communities, (2) learning the content knowledge needed for elementary teaching, (3) implementing research-based pedagogical practices needed for elementary teaching, e.g., planning and implementing effective, engaging, culturally sustaining instruction for individual students, small groups, and a whole class, and (4) designing, interpreting, and utilizing assessments to guide instruction. Students will be

taking courses already offered in the Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) elementary program or Curriculum and Instruction Department.

### **Evidence of Need**

To illustrate the market demand for this graduate certificate, the list below shows the number of program inquiries, applicants, and total enrollment in the Added Elementary Endorsement program for the past three academic years. As can be seen in the list, the number of applications does not match the number of inquiries. One reason for this is that students in licensure-only programs are not eligible for financial aid. Therefore, prospective students who inquire about the program often decide not to enroll in the licensure only program. Alternatively, students sometimes enroll in the master's degree version of the program so that they can qualify for financial aid, and then leave the program once they have met the added endorsement requirements. This means that these students do not receive a graduate certificate from PSU and we do not receive credit from HECC for their endorsement completion. One goal of adding a graduate certificate to this existing licensure program is to rectify this issue by accurately awarding completer status and supporting program applicants.

- Year: 2020-2021
  - Program Inquiries: 136
  - Program Applications: 9
  - Total Enrollment: 6
- Year: 2021-2022
  - Program Inquiries: 129
  - Program Applications: 17
  - Total Enrollment: 6
- Year: 2022-2023
  - Program Inquiries: 66
  - Program Applications: 7
  - Total Enrollment: 3

Also, it is important to note that this certificate program is able to run even with low numbers because the students enroll in the same sections of courses taken by other students in the elementary Graduate Teacher Education Program for initial licensure. The students in the Added Elementary program add to the SCH in already existing course sections, rather than requiring separate sections.

## **Course of Study**

The Added Elementary Endorsement Graduate Certificate is earned by students who already hold a current Oregon teaching license and have completed the requirements for their Added Elementary endorsement as part of PSU's Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP) program.

### Courses:

- ITP 536 Learning and Development (3 credits)
- ITP 538 Integrated Methods and Curriculum Design (4 credits)
- ITP 542 Integrated Elementary Science Methods (2 credits)
- CI 510 Guidance for Classroom Teachers (3 credits)
- ITP 540 Foundations of Literacy (4 credits)
- ITP 514 Educating for Equity and Social Justice (3 credits)
- ITP 539 Elementary Mathematics Methods (3 credits)
- ITP 541 Literacies in the Elementary Classroom (4 credits)
- ITP 534 Foundations of Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Practice (2 credits)
- ED 518 Inclusive Elementary Classrooms (2 credits)
- CI 509 Practicum (3 credits)

Total Credits: 33