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TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Amy Lubitow, Chair, Graduate Council

RE: Graduate Certificate in School Counseling

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 School Counseling

Certificate Type

Graduate certificate: Admission to graduate status required

Effective Term

Fall 2023

Overview of the Program

This graduate certificate will allow students to become licensed school counselors while also adding to their education qualifications with a graduate certificate. Licensure programs like this certificate allows students to expand their professional credentials so that they can better serve students in schools.

The School Counseling Licensure program prepares individuals to work as counselors in school settings (P-12). Emphasis is placed on preparing school counselors to work with students to support them in the process of achieving academic, career, and personal/social success.

Students enrolled in the licensure-only option must be graduates from an accredited Master's program in counseling, psychology, or social work that required a clinical practicum focused on individual and group counseling skills. The program is designed to meet the requirements for the Preliminary School Counselor License approved by the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

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 School Counseling Licensure program for the past three academic years. One goal of adding a graduate certificate to this existing licensure program

is to hopefully increase total enrollment. It is also important to note that all of these students are enrolled into a subset of courses in an existing graduate degree program so they boost the total number of enrollments for the courses while maintaining the resources needed from PSU.

- Year: 2020-2021
 - Program Inquiries: 75
 - Program Applications: 8
 - Total Enrollment: 2
- Year: 2021-2022
 - Program Inquiries: 97
 - Program Applications: 11
 - Total Enrollment: 6
- Year: 2022-2023
 - Program Inquiries: 66
 - Program Applications: 18
 - Total Enrollment: 15

There is a pressing need for licensed School Counselors in the state of Oregon and nationwide. Changing this existing program to a graduate certificate will allow us to draw on the existing demand and student pool while also allowing graduates to add the PSU education credential to their resumes.

Course of Study

Required Courses (18 credits)

- Coun 504 Internship (9 credits)
- Coun 526 Effective Teaching (3 credits)
- Coun 589 Action Research (3 credits)
- Coun 596 Foundations of School Counseling (3 credits)

Note: Additional courses may be required for licensure, including:

- Coun 527 Counseling Individuals with Disabilities (3 credits)
- Coun 545 Youth Ecosystems in schools (3 credits)
- Coun 556 Counseling Children in schools (3 credits)
- Coun 557 Counseling Youth in schools (2 credits)
- Coun 576 Parents, Families, and Communities (3 credits)