



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ELIMINATION FORM

DIRECTIONS: Use this form when proposing to eliminate an academic program, degree, major, or primary field of study.

DATE OF REQUEST: 11/13/13

Date of AAC Approval:
December 4, 2013

INSTITUTION: UNR

Date of Board Approval:

TITLE OF PROGRAM TO BE ELIMINATED: MA in Literacy Studies

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ELIMINATION: Upon approval

A. Reason for proposed elimination of the program

We are streamlining our Master's degrees to offer only an M.Ed. (with thesis or non-thesis options), as opposed to both an M.Ed. and an MA option. In the past, the MA was the thesis option and the M.Ed. was the non-thesis option. We would like to simplify our program by offering just an M.Ed. with either a thesis or non-thesis option.

B. Specify plan to phase out the program, including description of how the needs of currently enrolled students will be met

All requirements for MA students can be met through the course offerings of the M.Ed. degree. We aren't actually offering fewer courses; we are just streamlining the type of degree our students can earn. All current students will be allowed and able to finish under the new program, but we will no longer accept applicants for the MA degree.

C. Impact of closure on faculty and staff, and related academic programs

There is no impact - see above.

D. Describe any impact the program elimination will have on accreditation and note any discussions as such that have occurred with the accrediting agency

Our NCATE accreditation will remain and will not be affected by the change.

E. Describe the process of notifying other institutions regarding impact of the program closure on transfer and articulation

Again, this is not necessary. All students currently enrolled in the MA program can still meet their requirements, and all new students will earn an M.Ed. degree that has similar requirements.

F. Fiscal Impact Statement – describe the fiscal impact, if any, that will result from the elimination of the program

There will be no fiscal impact.

Please attach any supporting documentation (i.e. support letters from community, industry).