

October 31, 2007

To: Cynthia Prosen, Dean of Graduate Studies
Ray Ventre, Chair, Graduate Program Committee

From: Peggy House, Mathematics Education Graduate Program Coordinator

Re: Proposed program change

The following proposal was unanimously approved by the Mathematics Education faculty (08/22/07). A memo of support from the School of Education is attached.

Proposal: The Mathematics Education master's program (MAED) includes an 8-9 credit Education Core in which students select three courses from a list of four choices. This proposal adds one additional course to the list of options as follows:

Current program requirement: Three of the following four courses:

ED 506 Cultural Foundations of Education 1 (3)
ED 522 Curriculum Development (3)
ED 541A Improvement of Instruction (3)
ED 560 Special Education in the Schools (2)

Proposed program requirement: Three of the following **five** courses:

ED 506 Cultural Foundations of Education 1 (3)
ED 522 Curriculum Development (3)
ED 541A Improvement of Instruction (3)
ED 560 Special Education in the Schools (2)
ED 571 Diagnosis and Treatment of Reading Disabilities (3)*

(*Fulfills the State of Michigan requirement of a course of study in teaching reading to advance from a Provisional to a Professional teaching certificate.)

Rationale: Public Act 118, passed by the Michigan Legislature in 2006, amends the Michigan School Code to require that, effective July 1, 2007, all teachers seeking to advance from a Provisional to a Professional teaching certificate must complete a three-credit course of study in teaching reading (see attached letter). The course ED 571 fulfills the requirements set forth in this act. Since many teachers fulfill the requirements for Professional certification through the MAED program, adding ED 571 as an option allows them to also meet the new reading requirement.

We request approval of this proposal from GPC. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.