

To: College of Health and Human Services Curriculum Committee

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Rationale for Revision: Existing catalog language and admissions criterion to Accelerated Graduate Programs prohibits students who may have struggled in their first undergraduate semester(s), but may have later succeeded within their majors and demonstrated academic excellence, suggesting good prospects for success in an accelerated graduate program. These students may not meet the cumulative GPA requirements for admission to Accelerated Graduate Programs because of these earlier challenges.

Proposed Revision

Add the following language to the Accelerated Graduate program admission policy:

A program may use the undergraduate major GPA of 3.75 or more rather than the cumulative GPA to determine admission to the accelerated program.

This catalog revision would appear as follows:

Admission to Accelerated Programs

Undergraduate students interested in enrolling in accelerated graduate programs will need to gain early admission to a graduate program while still enrolled in undergraduate studies.

Requirements include: a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25, the completion of at least 15 credit hours of the major or a complementary undergraduate degree, as determined by the graduate program. **A program may use the undergraduate major GPA of 3.75 or more**

rather than the cumulative GPA to determine admission to the accelerated program.

Undergraduates may not be admitted until the completion of a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit. Participants in accelerated graduate programs will remain under early admission into graduate programs until the completion of the undergraduate degree. Upon earning the undergraduate degree, a student will gain full admission status to the graduate program. These criteria are only the minimum qualifications for admission to an accelerated graduate program. Graduate program leaders may establish additional admission standards as deemed appropriate.

Approvals:

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