

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Diane H. Jackman, Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies

DATE: April 10, 2017

RE: Executive Action Items

The following request was received from the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education. I concur with the changes and ask that the revisions be made by executive action.

Requested Changes: to add an online mode of delivery to the following courses. The requested effective date is Fall 2017.

ELE 5490 Educational Problems
ELE 5700 Seminar in Elementary Education
ELE 5990 Independent Study
MLE 5400 Topics in Middle Level Education
MLE 5700 Seminar in Middle/Junior High School Education

Rationale for Changes: As most of our graduate students are practicing teachers, they are seeking more flexibility towards how courses are offered/completed. Moving these courses to an online delivery mode is a step in that direction. The department is also interested in expanding from our local teachers to reaching others in out-lying areas that struggle to come to campus for coursework but would like to further their education. For these individuals, online delivery of the Master's program is critical. The online delivery of the course will not change any course content and the integrity of the course will be maintained. All online courses will be taught by graduate faculty who have completed the required training as established by EIU.

cc: Dr. Okrasinski