

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE/PROGRAM MODIFICATION
Curricular Change to an Existing Program

Institutions: Armstrong State University
 Augusta University
 College of Coastal Georgia
 Columbus State University
 Dalton State College
 Fort Valley State University
 Georgia Gwinnett College
 Georgia Southern University
 Georgia Southwestern State University
 Georgia State University
 Gordon State College
 Kennesaw State University
 Middle Georgia State University
 University of North Georgia
 University of West Georgia
 Valdosta State University

Institutional Contact (President or Vice President for Academic Affairs):

Date: January 31, 2017

School/Division: Education

Department:

Degree Name: undergraduate and graduate degrees with “Early Childhood Education” in the title.

Major: Early Childhood Education

CIP Code: see attached

Anticipated Start Date for Curricular Changes: July 2017

Rationale for Curriculum Modification: This substantive change request is for the renaming of the “Early Childhood Education” portion of the title of undergraduate and graduate degrees to “Elementary Education.” Each institution is listed on the attached sheet, which indicates the institution, the current degree title and CIP code, and the proposed new degree title and new CIP code (if appropriate).

These changes are necessary for two main reasons:

1. Appropriate name for the degree to reflect the age/grade levels (grades P-5) addressed in the degree and for which certification is obtained through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

2. Significantly reduce the confusion that TCSG graduates experience when they apply to USG institutions with teacher educator programs. These TCSG students often complete an Early Childhood Education program designed for students wanting to work with students from birth to age 5, often in Head Start and child care centers. Generally, Early Childhood Education Program graduates are certified to teacher in grades P-5, not with children aged birth – 5. There are only two such undergraduate programs in the state that prepare graduates to work with students aged birth – 5. TCSG students often enroll in the other USG institutions with programs with “Early Childhood Education” in the title, thinking that the program that they completed at a TCSG institution has prepared them to enroll in an Early Childhood Education Program. It has not, and students maintain that they would not have enrolled at the institution had they known that this were the case – despite the best efforts of the TCSG and USG institutions to inform students about their appropriate degree options.

Curriculum Comparison:

No curriculum changes are being made. This is only a change in degree title. (see attached)

<u>Current Program of Study</u>	<u>Proposed Program of Study</u>

Note: The completed form is to be submitted using the sharepoint tool and website under the auspices of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (submission url: https://sharepoint.bor.usg.edu/team_sites/academicaffairs/SitePages/Home.aspx)

Highlighted fields indicate revision

Institution	Degree Level	Degree Type	Major Name Stand Alone Degree	Revised Degree Name	CIP Code	NEW CIP Code
Armstrong State University	Masters	Master of Arts in Teaching	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120202	13120202
Armstrong State University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Armstrong State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Augusta University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Augusta University	Masters	Master of Arts in Teaching	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education		13120202
College of Coastal Georgia	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education/Special Education	Elementary Education/Special Education	13121001	13120201
Columbus State University	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education and Teaching	Elementary Education	13121000	13120200
Columbus State University	Masters	Master of Arts in Teaching	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121000	13120200
Columbus State University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education and Teaching	Elementary Education	13121000	13120200
Columbus State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education and Teaching	Elementary Education	13121000	13120200
Dalton State College	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Fort Valley State University	Masters	Master of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education/Special Education	Elementary Education/Special Education	13121001	13120201
Fort Valley State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education/Special Education	Elementary Education/Special Education	13121001	13120201
Georgia Gwinnett College	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Georgia Southern University	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education (Deactivated)	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Georgia Southern University	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Georgia Southern University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Georgia Southern University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Georgia Southwestern State University	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Georgia Southwestern State University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Georgia Southwestern State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Georgia State University	Masters	Master of Arts in Teaching	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Georgia State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120906	13120206
Gordon State College	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201

Kennesaw State University	Doctoral, applied	Doctor of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Kennesaw State University	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Kennesaw State University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary and Early Childhood Education	13120201	13120201
Kennesaw State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Middle Georgia State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood/Special Education	Elementary Education/Special Education	13121001	13120201
University of North Georgia	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
University of North Georgia	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
University of North Georgia	Bachelors	Bachelors, stand alone	Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
University of West Georgia	Specialist	Specialist in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
University of West Georgia	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
University of West Georgia	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13120201	13120201
Valdosta State University	Masters	Master of Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201
Valdosta State University	Bachelors	Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood Education	Elementary Education	13121001	13120201

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