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To: UH Undergraduate Committee
From: Melissa Pierson, Associate Dean, College of Education
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Re: Modification of existing Education Minor

The Education Minor is currently used both for students planning to seek secondary certification and for those not interested in certification. This creates a challenge when students uninterested in teaching are required to complete field experiences requiring them to teach in local school districts. The two tracks would provide clear paths for those intending to pursue certification as well as for those not interested in certification, eliminating for this latter group the requirement to complete methods courses. Furthermore, the non-certification track will also allow the use of the minor degree for those pursuing the proposed B. S. in Educational Health Services.

Proposed Education Minor Catalog Language

Education—Certification Track

Required courses: EDUC 3301, CUIN 3313, EPSY 3300, education methods courses (6 semester hours), CUIN 3347 and 4375.

Students must earn a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average and no lower than a C on all courses attempted in the minor.

Note: This minor is intended for teacher education students who wish to be prepared to teach high school grades. However, the minor alone does not include all coursework and experiences required to be recommended for Texas State Certification. Students who wish to be certified must also:

- meet all benchmarks outlined on the Education-Certification Track Minor Degree Plan;
- meet benchmarks for Student Teaching
- successfully complete Student Teaching requirements; and
- major in the area of certification.

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Education—Non-Certification Track

Required courses: EDUC 3301 or CUIN 3316 or CUIN 3221; EPSY 3300, and nine semester hours to be selected from the following: CUIN 3111, 3201, 3302, 3317, 3347, 4303, 4315, 4318, 4332, 4375; ELED 3320, 3322; EPSY 3360; ARED 3305; MUSI 4342

A total of 15 semester hours are required, 9 of which must be advanced, at least six of the nine advanced semester hours must be taken in residence. Students must earn a 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses attempted in the minor.

Note: This minor is intended for students who do not wish to be certified to teach, but rather desire some experience in school contexts in order to develop an awareness of and be an advocate for education. Students who later decide to pursue teaching as a career should see their academic advisors to file a change of minor form.