Please attach/submit additional documents as needed to fully complete each section of the form.

I. DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM

Teaching and Learning/ Early Childhood Education

II. SUMMARY

Modify requirements in the Early Childhood Education Minor to meet PreK-3rd grade licensure requirements.

This change will result in a minor that is 22 credits versus the current 24 credits and will require no additional staffing.

III. ENDORSEMENTS AND APPROVALS

Requestor: Julie Bullard
Phone / Email: 243-2563 julie.bullard@umontana.edu
Program Chair: [Signature] Date __________

*Other Affected Programs:
PCE

Signature __________ Date __________

Dean: [Signature] Date __________

* Are affected because: (a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites, (b) perceived overlap in content areas, or (c) cross-listing of coursework

IV. TYPE OF PROGRAM MODIFICATION

☐ Major  ☑ Minor  ☐ Option  ☐ Teaching major / minor

☐ Other, Please describe:
V. CATALOG LANGUAGE

Attach the current catalog language with the proposed changes clearly identified.

VI. JUSTIFICATION

Recently the Montana Board of Public Education approved a PreK-3rd grade license. We propose a change to the Early Childhood Education Minor to more closely align with the PreK-3rd grade standards that are part of this license. These changes will also assist in aligning the ECE minor more closely with the ECE major and allow both students in the major and minor to take a block of courses together. This change does not require additional faculty. These changes consist of replacing 2 EDU courses with two EDEC courses and changing the EDEC practicum credits and name. Since students are taking a block of courses and lab application activities are built into each course, the practicum can be reduced. The name change helps to clarify the purpose of the practicum and lets prospective employees know that this important content was provided.

Replace EDU 397 Methods: PK-4 Early Numeracy (3 credits) and EDU 397 Methods: PK-3 Early Literacy (3 credits) with EDEC 230 Positive Child Guidance (3 credits) and EDEC 405 Assessment in Early Childhood (3 credits)

Change EDEC Practicum (3 credits) to EDEC Practicum: Integrated Curriculum (1 credit)

VII. SUBMISSION

After all signatures have been obtained, submit original, and an electronic file to the Faculty Senate Office, UH 221. An electronic copy of the original signed form is acceptable.
**CATALOG CHANGES**

**Current catalog**

**Early Childhood Education Minor**

**Minor - Early Childhood Education (Minor)**

**College of ED & Human Sciences**

**Catalog Year: 2016-2017**

**Degree Specific Credits:** 24

**Required Cumulative GPA:** 2.0

**Note:** This minor can only be completed by individuals seeking K-8 elementary licensure or currently licensed elementary education teachers.

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**Required Courses**

**Rule:** Must complete all of the following courses:

**Note:** Students must take two semesters of EDU 397: 1) Methods: PK-4 Early Numeracy and 2) Methods: PK-3 Early Literacy.

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24 Total Credits Required

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**Proposed Catalog Changes**

**Required Courses**

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EDU 222 - Educational Psych Child Dev 3 Credits
EDEC 405 - Assessment in Early Childhood 3 Credits

22 Total Credits Required

Current catalog description

EDEC 495 - EC Fieldwork/Practicum
Offered autumn and spring. This course provides students the opportunity to participate in planning and facilitating learning activities in a multi-age early childhood program while also participating in an on-line seminar. Students will observe and facilitate learning in a model early childhood setting and participate in on-going written and verbal reflection to explore key teaching and learning issues. The course will focus on promoting student knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the areas of child observation and assessment, curriculum planning, child guidance, and integration of curriculum using a broad repertoire of teaching strategies. Students are required to be based in an approved licensed and/or accredited early childhood program for a minimum of 8 hours/week. Co-convened with EDEC 595.

Proposed catalog description

EDEC 495 - EC Fieldwork/Practicum: Integrated curriculum
Offered autumn and spring. This course provides students the opportunity to participate in planning and facilitating learning activities in a multi-age early childhood program while also participating in an on-line seminar. Students will observe and facilitate learning in a model early childhood setting and participate in on-going written and verbal reflection to explore key teaching and learning issues. The course will focus on promoting student knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the areas of child observation and assessment, curriculum planning, child guidance, and integration of curriculum using a broad repertoire of teaching strategies. Students are required to be in an assigned lab setting for a minimum of 8 hours/week. The practicum is taken concurrently with EDEC 410, EDEC 420, EDEC 405, and EDEC 230.