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**PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)**

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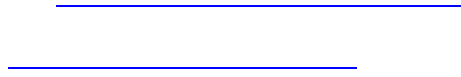
**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

<b>DEGREE PROGRAM</b>	<b>Elementary</b>
<b>Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)</b>	<b>M.Ed.</b>

**A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)**

**To take effect summer 2013: add 1 credit to ED 678 and to ED 688.**

**B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:**



## ***JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED***

***Teacher education programs are under a great deal of scrutiny to assure policy makers and the general public that future elementary teachers have sufficient content knowledge and skills in the areas in which they have teaching responsibilities and that they have clearly defined coursework to assure that they also have opportunities to acquire the methods needed to successfully teach and develop meaningful curriculum in multiple content areas.***

***UAF elementary teacher education interns (i.e., students in their senior year of the BA in Elementary Education degree and elementary post-baccalaureate students completing their year-long internship) currently DO have these opportunities and requirements, but this has not been accurately reflected in the current distribution of credits during their internship year. As an artifact of the process of development of the original BAE degree, the number of hours that interns spend in their elementary classroom placements and in their university methods and curriculum development courses has never been accurately reflected in the course credit allocations.***

***It is important that we correct these inaccuracies now for the following reason:***

***External agencies (political entities and accreditation groups) now want more specific evidence that elementary teacher education students have dedicated coursework and internship requirements to prepare them to teach reading, writing, math, science, PE/Health and the Arts. This evidence needs to be reflected more directly and more accurately on our program requirements than it has been. Some of the work currently completed by students as part of ED 468 (a 6 credit course currently co-taught by 4 instructors) is being distributed to other courses so that the content of the courses is more clearly evident to reviewers.***

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to ensure that all students have access to a high quality education.

change applications to make sure that the quality of UAE education is not lowered as a result of the proposed

*Allan Morotti*

Date

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