

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

Approved by the Regents

July 21, 2006

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: A new degree program for the School of Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a new degree program, "Bachelor of Education in Special Education," to be offered by the School of Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2006

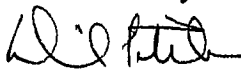
The School of Education (SOE) at the University of Michigan-Dearborn wishes to offer undergraduate programs in learning disabilities (LD) and emotional impairments (EI) for students in the elementary and secondary education programs. The programs are a direct spin-off from the current Master of Education in Special Education and will extend the current graduate programs in LD and EI to the undergraduate level. The 30-hour program will lead to a Bachelor of Education in Special Education and includes coursework and practical experiences that provide students with the opportunity to gain basic skills through direct instruction and advanced skills through guided and independent practice in simulated and practical settings. The degree will also meet the State of Michigan, Department of Education standards for the certification of teachers of students with LD and EI and respond to the longstanding, severe shortage of LD and EI teachers both state- and nationwide.

Currently, the SOE offers numerous majors and minors at the undergraduate level. Students wishing to enroll in the LD or EI programs will continue to select content-area majors and minors with the addition of the coursework required for the LD or EI program. The program incorporates existing resources and an additional faculty line to support the coursework and advising for the addition of undergraduate students. Once the undergraduate program is launched, the SOE expects to admit 20 students in the fall and winter semesters for a total of 40 students per year.

The Dean, the Executive Committee, and the governing faculty of the School of Education have approved the Bachelor of Education degree in Special Education. The Council of Deans and provost and vice-chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn have also extended their approval. The Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan approved it on June 1, 2006.

I am pleased to present this proposal for your approval.

Recommended by:



Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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