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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	M. Ed. in Special Education
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	M. Ed.

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

1. Reword catalog entry for the M. Ed. in Special Education—separate the degree requirements for certified teachers from those for students seeking initial teacher certification in special education.
2. Add a second course for Special Education Clinical Practice for students in the initial licensure program: EDSE F678 Special Education Clinical Practice: Initial

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Master of Education in Special Education

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The program, which shares a strong common core and the same credit requirements with the special education M.Ed. programs at UAA and UAS, provides development in collaboration/consultation models and program development in multicultural settings. Completion of this program meets requirements for Alaska licensure as a K-12 special education teacher.

Program Requirements

1. Complete the following admission requirements:
 1. Admission requirements for the master of education degree.
 2. Current teaching certificate and eligibility for a current Alaska teacher certificate or a Baccalaureate degree with the following prerequisites:

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 - ii. Applicants must have these courses or comparable transfer courses to the following within the last 5 years:
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ED F201--Introduction to Education (3)
or EDSC F205--Introduction to Secondary Education (3)
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or ED F624--Foundations of Education in Alaska: From Segregation to Standards--3 credits
 - iv. An Alaska studies course approved by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Office of Teacher Education and Certification.
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or EDSE F640--Collaboration and Consultative Methods (3)
or EDSE F642--Autism and Asperger Syndrome: Social and Behavioral Issues (3)--3 credits
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Special Education Portfolio***--3 credits
EDSE F601--Introduction to Applied Social Science Research--3 credits
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10. Minimum credits required***--36 credits

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C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

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EDSE F632 — Special Education Law: Principles and Practices — 3 credits

7. ~~Complete two of the following:~~
~~EDSE F625 Teaching Mathematics to Special Learners (3)~~
~~— or EDSE F605 Early Childhood Special Education (3)~~
~~— or EDSE F677 Reading Assessment, Curriculum, and Strategies 3 credits~~
8. ~~Complete two of the following:~~
~~EDSE F624 Social/Emotional Development, Assessment and Intervention(3)~~
~~— or EDSE F633 Autism: Communication and Social Disorders (3)~~
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9. ~~Complete the following courses:~~
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Program Requirements for Certified Teachers

1. Complete the following admission requirements:
 - a. Admission requirements for the graduate program.
 - b. Current Alaska teaching certificate or equivalent course work towards an Alaska teaching certificate.
2. Prerequisite: EDSE F482--Inclusive Classroom for All Children or comparable transfer course from another institution--3 credits
3. Complete the general university requirements.
4. Complete the M.Ed. degree requirements.
5. Complete the following:
EDSE F610--Assessment of Students with Disabilities--3 credits
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or EDSE F642--Autism and Asperger Syndrome: Social and Behavioral Issues (3)--3 credits

8. Complete two graduate level special education electives approved by candidate's graduate committee. – 6 credits
9. Complete the following courses:
EDSE F680—Special Education Clinical Practice –3credits
EDSE F681--Special Education Portfolio**--3 credits
ED F601--Introduction to Applied Social Science Research--3 credits
ED F603--Field Study Research Methods (3)
or ED/CCS F604—Documenting Indigenous Knowledge Systems –3 credits
10. Complete comprehensive examination***
11. Minimum credits required--36 credits

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***Must be enrolled in 3 graduate credits the semester the comprehensive exam is completed.

Note: The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development requires passing Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge #0014 or the Praxis II in the candidate's content area for secondary education before issuing a professional teaching certificate. English Content Knowledge #0041 and/or Math Content Knowledge #0061 are recommended. Districts prefer candidates have both #0041 and #0061 for teaching core classes for students who qualify for special education at the secondary level.

Program Requirements for Initial Certification

1. Complete the following admission requirements:
 - a. Admission requirements for the graduate program.
 - b. Baccalaureate degree along with the following prerequisites:
 - i. Documented recent experience (minimum of 12 hours) in an educational setting with children experiencing disabilities
 - ii. UAF prerequisite courses or comparable transfer courses:
ED F245--Child Development--3 credits
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10. Complete the following courses:
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ED F603--Field Study Research Methods (3)
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11. Complete comprehensive examination***
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

Most of the changes in this program change are editorial and will not have an impact on budget, space or faculty.

The addition of EDSE F678, Special Education Clinical Practice: Initial may have the following impact:

Faculty -- This course will become a part of an existing faculty member's workload. Field supervision responsibilities will increase for this instructor.

Budget -- As enrollment in the program increases an adjunct faculty member will be needed to assume extra supervision responsibilities.

Space—The course will utilize existing university classroom, video and/or audio conference room will be necessary.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?

Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

Addition of EDSE F678 will impact the Special Education Program only. The course is restricted to admitted students to the M. Ed. in Special Education or the K-12 Special Education Licensure program. The course is a requirement for students in the initial licensure program only.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

Students in the Master of Education in Special Education program are assessed using the Council for Exceptional Children standards. Assessment information is gathered and reported as a part of our accreditation through NCATE.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

Justification for adding EDSE 678 Special Education Clinical Practice: Initial

The Special Education program added an initial licensure program beginning Summer 2011. The program is designed for people who have a bachelor's degree in a related field but have not been through a teacher preparation program for elementary or secondary education and are not certified teachers.

Students admitted to the program are required to take education pre-requisite classes, provide proof of experience working with special needs children and have passed the Praxis I and II exams. Since students admitted to this program are not certified teachers, the clinical practice requirement is longer.

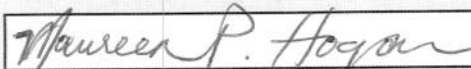
The original thought of the department was to simply have students register for EDSE F680 Special Education Clinical Practice twice (3 credits each) in two different semesters. However, there is not a clear way to represent this in the catalog. Also, certification departments and school districts may not see the course as distinct from the student's first semester of clinical practice.

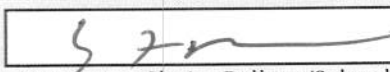
To be perfectly clear to admitted students that they are required to be in a clinical practice setting for two semesters, the addition of "EDSE F678 Special Education Clinical Practice: Initial" taken prior to "EDSE F680 Special Education Clinical Practice" is proposed.

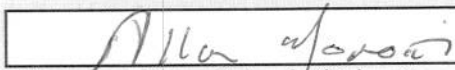
Rewording the catalog entry was necessary to clarify the degree requirements for students. It was confusing for students to sift through the combined certified teacher and initial certification requirements to determine which applied to them. Separating the degree requirements into two catalog entries will eliminate admissions questions and degree requirement questions and assist in student advising.

Please note that the only degree requirement that is changing is the addition of EDSE F678. All other changes are editorial.

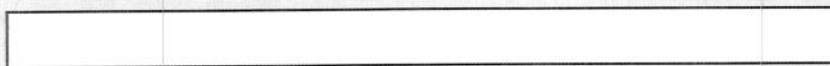
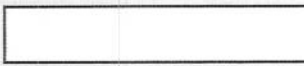
APPROVALS:

	Date	9-25-11
Signature, Chair, School of Education Graduate Program, Maureen Hogan		

	Date	10/5/11
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: <u>School of Education</u>		

	Date	10-6-2011
Signature, Dean, School of Education, Allan Morotti		

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		