MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey, Interim President
FROM: Walter Daugherity, Speaker
SUBJECT: Graduate Council (FS.31.277)

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2014 the Faculty Senate approved the following items from the Graduate Council. The Faculty Senate submits for your approval. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

Graduate Council - February 6, 2014

Curriculum Change Request
Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Attachment

cc: Karan Watson
    Pamela Matthews
    Michael Benedik
    Sandra Williams
    Douglas Palmer

✓ Approved:    ___Reviewed:

Mark A. Hussey

Date

FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Office of the Provost (OP). Below are recommended action(s): RE:

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Curriculum Changes
Texas A&M University
Request for a Change in Curriculum

1. Request change for: □ Degree Program   □ Minor   □ Certificate

2. Request submitted by (Department or Program Name): Educational Psychology

Program Designation and Name
(e.g. B.A. in History, Minor in History, Certificate in European Union): Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

4. Brief description of change: SPED 602: Ethics and Professional Conduct in Special Education and Applied Behavioral Analysis will become a required course in order to be awarded this certificate. This will increase the certificate from 15 credit hours to 18 credit hours.

5. Rationale for change: the Behavior Analyst Certification Board has increased its requirements to include an Ethics course for all students planning to get Behavior Analyst Certification as of the first examination given in 2015. As such, as students wishing to complete this certification will need the additional course on Ethics and Professional Conduct in order to sit for the national examination.

Use the checkboxes below to make sure that all information is included.

6. a. Proposed curriculum attached. □ Yes   □ No

b. Current catalog curriculum with handwritten edits attached. □ Yes   □ No

c. Current Howdy degree evaluation with handwritten edits attached. □ Yes   □ No

Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.

7. a. Will degree program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes? □ Yes   □ No

b. If yes, degree program hours will change from: 15 to: 18

c. If yes, is the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board form attached? □ Yes   □ No

http://www.thech.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=40F9F7FA-9A92-4F11-2756AD3BBFF01D60

8. If proposed changes affect other unit(s), are letters of support attached? □ Yes   □ No

IMPORTANT NOTE: Curriculum changes submitted through the approval process and fully approved by February (December-UCC/HC, January-Faculty Senate, February-President) will be effective in the next academic year. Changes requiring approval beyond the University should complete the internal approval process early in the fall semester whenever possible in order to ensure timely implementation.

Approval recommended by:

Victor Wilson, Ph.D.  Date 1/13
Department Head or Program Chair (Type Name & Sign)

George Cunningham, Ph.D.  Date 10/14
Dean of College

George Cunningham, Ph.D.  Date 02/10/14
Chair, College Review Committee

Mark Zoran, Ph.D.  Date 3/20/14
Chair, GC or UCC

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Curricular Services at 845-8201 or sandra-williams@tamu.edu.
Curricular Services – 07/12
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Request to Change Semester Credit Hours

**Directions:** An institution shall use this form to request a change in the number of semester credit hours (SCH) required for a degree program already on the institution’s program inventory in accordance with Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.55 – Revisions to Approved Programs.

**Options:**

1) Revisions that **reduce** the number of SCH require notification of change and affirmation that the reduction does not fall below the minimum requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, program accreditors, and licensing bodies, if applicable.

2) Revisions that **increase** the number of SCH require detailed written documentation describing the compelling academic reason for the increase in the number of required hours.

**NOTE:** No request or notification is needed if revisions to the degree program curriculum do not result in a change in SCH.

Options 1 and 2 require the signature of the Provost or Chief Academic Officer.

Please submit *Request to Change Semester Credit Hour* via the Online Submission Portal: [https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/proposals/]  

**Information:** Contact the Division of Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research at 512/427-6200.

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**Administrative Information**

1. **Institution:** Texas A&M University

2. **Program Name** – *Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis*

3. **Program CIP Code:** 13.1013.00 04

4. **Contact Person:** Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.

   Name: Dr. Jennifer Ganz  
   Title: Associate Professor  
   E-mail: jeniganz@tamu.edu  
   Phone: 979-862-2823
Notification/Request for Change in Semester Credit Hours (SCH):

Current SCH: _______ 15 _______

Proposed SCH: _______ 18 _______

Implementation Date: _______ January 1, 2014 _______

Complete Option 1 or 2 as appropriate

Option 1: Reduction in Semester Credit Hours

Is the change in the number of SCH compatible with the requirements of accreditation for the program?

a. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
   ☐ YES   ☐ NO

b. Program Accreditor(s)
   Name of Program Accreditor: ____________________________
   ☐ YES   ☐ NO   ☐ NA

c. Licensing Body(ies)
   Name of Licensing Body(ies): ____________________________
   ☐ YES   ☐ NO   ☐ NA

Option 2: Increase in Semester Credit Hours

Provide detailed documentation, such as changes in accrediting agency or licensing body requirements, workforce needs, or academic professional standards and needs, describing a compelling reason for the change in the number of SCH:
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Signature of Compliance

I hereby certify that all of the above changes have been approved in accordance with the procedures outlined in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.55.
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Program of Study Notes:
- Each course is 3 credits. The entire Master’s degree is 36 credits and it can be completed in five semesters.
- Courses identified with a double asterisk (**) are associated with the BCBA option. Students participating in the BCBA option only (not the entire Master’s degree) would take these five courses.
- SPED 602 is NOT a requirement to complete the Master’s in Special Education. This course is a requirement ONLY for those students who will be seeking national BCBA certification through the BACB.
### Special Education Online Master's Degree

#### Recommended Program of Study

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