

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

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Update Required Courses for 6-9 Licensure

Effective Date: Fall 2015

1. Delete: On page 129, the entry in item II under Middle School Licensure:

II. Required courses outside of Education—18-22 hours, including PSYC 319 and the additional required courses based on licensure area:

- Language Arts—15–16 hours: One course from DRAM 213, NM 101 or VMP 205; LANG 352; LIT 240, one course from LIT 325, 326 or 327.
- Mathematics—15 hours: MATH 167, 191, 251; STAT 185.
- Science—15–19 hours: BIOL 123 and 124, or both BIOL 115 and 116; CHEM 111, 132; ENVR 130; PHYS 131.
- Social Studies—16 hours: ECON 101; HIST 151, 152, 315; POLS 220 or 281.

Add: On page 129, in place of deleted entry:

II. Required courses outside of Education—18-26 hours based on licensure area:

- Language Arts—26 hours: DRAM 213; LANG 352; LIT 240, 324, one course from LIT 325, 326 or 327, an additional 200-300 level LIT course; PSYC 319.
- Mathematics—21 hours: MATH 167, 191, 215, 251; PSYC 319; STAT 185.
- Science—18–22 hours: BIOL 123 and 124, or both BIOL 115 and 116; CHEM 111, 132; ENVR 130; PHYS 131; PSYC 319.
- Social Studies—25 hours: ECON 101; HIST 101, 102, 151, 152, 315; POLS 220 or 281; PSYC 319.

Impact: The changes being made will not impact our undergraduates who are completing majors that include 9-12 licensure in the areas of English or Social Studies. These students are already required to complete the additional courses. Mathematics majors who want to be licensed in middle school mathematics will now be required to take MATH 215. These changes are designed to ensure that our candidates are meeting the required competencies of the state department. The 6-9 science licensure requirements remain unchanged.

Rationale: The 6-9 Language Arts program looks at what is required for English with Teacher Licensure, and Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure and incorporates what best meets the middle school specialty area standards. Drama is a middle school standard that needs to be included in the middle school requirements. By requiring DRAM 213 instead of having it as an option, we are identifying a specific course that meet the competencies required by the state department. NM 101 and VMP 205 are still an option for 9-12 licensure students, but are not appropriate to complete the competencies for 6-9 students. Through advising, DRAM 213 can be recommended as the course students completing both 6-9 and 9-12 should take to complete this requirement as a means to reduce the number of required courses. Including an American literature course (LIT 324) provides our candidates with an intentional connection between American History and American Literature. Adding an additional Literature course will ensure they are meeting all of the standards.

In 2011 (SD4011s), we added HIST 151 and 152 to the Social Studies requirements, but neglected to include HIST 101 and 102. HIST 101 and 102 had been listed as required for 9-12 social studies, but not for

middle school licensure. This change adds HIST 101 and 102 to the catalog to correctly reflect they are a requirement for 6-9 Social Studies licensure.

MATH 215 provides our candidates with a broad view of mathematical topics that are taught in the middle school. Taking a course that incorporates hands-on experiences that deal with middle school concepts of geometry, algebra, and probability will allow our middle school candidates breadth of knowledge in these fields. In talking with members of the math department, the math licensure coordinator at our partner district (Buncombe County), a math coach and one of our K-12 clinical faculty, we believe this course will provide essential knowledge and pedagogy for our middle school licensure candidates.