

UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: June 9, 2023

Action Item Discussion Item Information Item

Name of Item: **Additional Program Deactivations for the AY23-24 catalog**

Responsible Staff Member: Kirsten Fleming, Provost & EVP for Academic Affairs

Summary of Issue:

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Recommended Action by BOT: Approval No Action Needed

Change to Board Policy Manual: Approval No Action Needed

If yes, Section:

Administrative Recommendation (Motion):

K. Fleming
Signature of Vice President

5/25/2023
Date

Signature of President

6/15/23
Date



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Background: Requests for program deletion typically originate from the academic unit in which the program is housed. When a request is approved through the curriculum process, the program is removed for all future academic year catalogs and the university admissions portal. Once a program is deleted from the catalog, no new students may enroll in that program; however, any currently enrolled students have the option to complete the program under the following deadlines:

- for *undergraduate* degree and certificate programs, up to 6 years from the catalog year in which the student enrolled.
- for *graduate* degree and certificate programs, up to 8 years from the catalog year in which the student enrolled.

For Higher Learning Commission (HLC) purposes, programs deactivated from the catalog are not officially closed until the above deadlines have been met or program enrollments reach zero, whichever comes first. As part of the curriculum approval process, we secure approval from the HLC to stop accepting new students and remove the program from our catalog. Once enrollments in a deactivated program reach zero or the relevant deadline is reached, we notify HLC that the program has been fully closed.

For Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) purposes, a program is considered closed when it is removed from our catalog and is no longer accepting new enrollments. We notify the CDHE when we have approved programs for deactivation, and the programs are removed from the SURDS database and CDHE website.

Enrollment & Budget Impacts: The attachment provides current enrollments (if any) and a brief rationale for program deactivations that have been approved for the AY 2023/24 catalog and were not tied to the creation of a new program.

In all cases included on this item, the budget impact is neutral or positive, as units will no longer need to offer very low-enrolled courses required only by students in the deactivated programs.

College	Academic Unit	Program Type	Name	Enrollment	Rationale
EBS	School Psychology	Concentration within Education Specialist degree	Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration	3	Changing requirements by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and loss of qualified faculty. Specific ABA coursework is shared between School Psychology and Special Ed. Similar content continues to be offered to students within the Ed.S. and M.A. degrees though new students will no longer able to receive ABA certification. Previously enrolled students who have not yet completed concentration-specific coursework may do so unless they choose to drop the concentration due to the changing requirements for ABA certification. Both degree programs can be completed without the concentration coursework.
EBS	Special Education	Concentration within Master's degree	Intervention Specialist: Applied Behavioral Analysis Concentration	5	Low enrollments and changing workforce demands.
EBS	Special Education	Concentration within Bachelor's degree	Early Childhood Special Education Teaching Concentration	0	UNC continues to prepare Early Childhood Specialists at the master's degree level.
EBS	Teacher Education	Graduate Endorsement	Reading Specialist	0	Low enrollments/demand and changing CDE standards which would require significant revisions if we wanted to continue program.