PROPOSAL TO AMEND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE POLICY PERTAINING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the University Senate approves the attached proposal as approved and recommended by the Graduate Academic Council.

2. That this proposal be forwarded to the President for approval.
Rationale for proposed change in policy:

REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATES OF ADVANCED STUDY

The Council proposes that the requirement for full-time study in Education C.A.S. programs be dropped from campus policy. This follows on a recommendation received from the School of Education toward that end. Residency policies pertaining to doctoral programs were devolved to the program faculty as authorized by the University Senate in 1999. An accompanying shift in residency authority for the C.A.S. programs in Education was not included due to oversight. C.A.S. programs outside the School of Education have no such full-time residency requirement and the faculty within the School of Education seek the same for their programs.

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Certificate of Advanced Study Award

A Certificate of Advanced Study attesting to advanced preparation and competence may be earned for the completion of organized programs which normally extend at least one year beyond the master's degree.

Many of these programs operate in conjunction with doctoral programs, and essentially the same academic and admission standards apply.

Credit Requirement

Each program leading to a certificate of advanced study includes a minimum of 48 (60 for those in education) credits of appropriate graduate study. Refer to descriptions of individual programs for required courses and distributions.

Residence Study and Advanced Standing

Of the minimum number of credits of graduate study beyond the baccalaureate established for a certificate in a particular field, at least one-half must be completed in resident graduate study at this University.

An applicant for admission to a program leading to a 60-credit certificate who holds a master's degree with an appropriate specialization may apply for admission with advanced standing not to exceed 30 credits.

Comprehensive Examination

Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination in education and in the field of specialization is required in each program in education. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination in school psychology is required in that program.

Statute of Limitations

All requirements for the certificate must be completed within six calendar years from the date of initial registration in the program.

This statute apply equally to students who enter with or without advanced standing and to students who formally change their areas of specialization after admission and study in one advanced program.