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Dear Dr. Law:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 2012, providing the Commission on Colleges modifications and additions that will be implemented in the summer and fall 2012 semesters. In all cases, these changes only apply to new summer and fall 2012 certificate and degree seeking students and do not impact students currently in the programs. There is no impact on faculty workloads.

## Program Modifications

### *Industrial Management Technology*

The Industrial Management Technology A.A.S. is being transitioned to Industrial Management Technology A.S., effective summer 2012, to ensure that students meet or exceed the general education standards in mathematics required in all A.S. programs in the state of Florida. The program change will have no effect upon faculty and current students will not be affected.

### *Addiction Studies Certificate*

The Addiction Studies Certificate AS-CT Program has reduced the number of credit hours required from 40 to 39 credits, effective summer 2012. The sequence of courses has been rearranged to match the Associate in Science in Human Services (Alcohol/Substance Abuse) course sequence.

### *Associate in Science Degree in Music Industry/Recording Arts*

Two existing one-credit marketing and business of music courses will be combined into one three-credit course. The total hours of the program will be increased by one, from 63 to 64.

### *Educator Preparation Institute*

Currently the College has seven certification programs for candidates in the Educator Preparation Institute program. The College made a decision to redesign the EPI program to better meet the needs of teacher candidates. The redesigned program will move from preparing candidates to teach in six content areas to preparing teachers for all Florida certification areas.

The new program EPI-CT Education Preparation Institute (27 credits) will begin in the summer, and will address the following program deletions, effective summer 2012:

IMPELED-CT	EPI Elementary Education Certificate
IMPESED-CT	EPI Exceptional Student Education Certificate
IMPMATH-CT	EPI Mathematics Education Certificate
IMPMGM-CT	EPI Middle Grades Mathematics Education Certificate
IMPMGS-CT	EPI Middle Grades Science Education Certificate
IMPSCI-CT	EPI Biology Education
IMPCAN-CT	EPI Canadian Elementary Education Certificate

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The current EPI program includes two 60 hour practicum courses, but not a final internship. Candidates have little opportunity to synthesize the classroom environment and to demonstrate growth. The addition of an eight week internship will provide candidates the opportunity to assume the role of teacher in a focused, comprehensive experience while addressing all state requirements. The new structure will blend most classes which will allow campus time for mentoring. The EPI classes will be developed into three credits (versus the current two credit model) to allow for more content, to include research based best practices in teacher preparation, and to meet the needs of all constituents.

Although most students are expected to complete the program by the end of the spring 2013 semester, the established five-year teach-out model has been implemented to assure students are supported as they complete the program. Faculty members currently teaching in these programs are credentialed in many areas and will remain employed in the College of Education.

**Since none of the program modifications listed above represents a significant departure from your approved curriculum, we accept the notification and require no additional information.**

#### New Information Technology Certificates

In discussing the areas in demand and the projected growth in Information Technology with the College of Computer & Information Technology's Advisory Committee, it was decided that shorter turn-around certificates in various programming languages would best suit the technical demand. The intent is to provide students with entry-level skills in specific programming languages that would prepare them for immediate employment. The following certificates will be offered, effective fall 2012:

CPLUS-CT	C++ Certificate (18 credits)
CSHARP-CT	C# Certificate (18 credits)
JAVA-CT	Java Certificate (18 credits)
MBLDVC-CT	Mobile Device Certificate (18 credits)
OPNSRC-CT	Open Source Certificate (18 credits)
VBNET-CT	Visual Basic.Net Certificate (18 credits)

All courses in the certificates are part of an existing degree program with the exception of two new courses – C++ for Operating Systems and Introduction to Android Programming. The department will hire one new faculty member who will teach courses for the new certificate programs.

**Since the certificates listed above do not represent a significant departure from your approved curriculum, we accept the notification and require no additional information.**

#### Program Deletion

##### *Bachelor of Applied Science in Banking Degree*

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Banking Degree will be discontinued, effective fall 2012. The banking courses will be offered as a banking sub-plan in the B.S. in Business Administration, thus providing banking students a broader preparation in business while still allowing for a special emphasis in banking. Banking students will also benefit from receiving a B.S. instead of a B.A.S. degree. The deletion of the B.A.S. in Banking will not affect full-time faculty workloads. Since the banking courses will still be offered, students currently enrolled in the B.A.S. degree in Banking will be supported as they complete their degree.



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**We approve the termination of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Banking and require no additional information.**

Program Suspensions

*Business Technology and Technology Education Programs*

The College currently has certification programs in four secondary content areas: Mathematics, Science, Business Technology, and Technology Education. In fall 2011, it was decided to temporarily suspend the B.S. in Business Technology Education and the B.S. in Technology Education and not to admit new students until a study could be conducted to determine the viability of the programs. The surrounding school districts indicated no present or foreseeable need for teachers in these areas. A proposal to discontinue the two programs will be brought to the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Committee. Following C&I approval, this will be brought for Board approval.

Faculty have examined the progress of candidates in the two programs and have planned for degree completion. Students in Business Technology Education are expected to complete the program in May 2013, and the students in Technology Education are expected to complete the program in December 2013. However, the traditional five-year teach-out model will be implemented. Faculty members currently teaching in these programs are credentialed in many areas and will remain employed.

**We approve the termination of the two programs and require no additional information.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

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President

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cc: Dr. Janice L. Thiel, Director of Quality Enhancement Plan ✓  
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