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EPP Masters Performance Report

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Overview of Master's Program

Effective July 1, 2017, the School of Education became the College of Education. The Master of Education (M. Ed.) degree program at FSU offers the opportunity to complete a graduate degree aligned with the North Carolina Standards for Graduate Teacher Candidates in eleven (11) teaching fields: biology education, elementary education, mathematics education, sociology education, middle grades education (math, science, language arts), reading education, and special education (learning disabilities, behavioral and emotional disabilities, mental disabilities). Candidates applying for the M.Ed. must have at least a continuing North Carolina (Class A) teaching license, a satisfactory GPA, and a competitive score on the Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The M.Ed. integrates candidates' specialized

knowledge, background experiences, and individual needs with activities and curricula that are broad-based, coherent, theoretical, and intellectually challenging. A major goal of the M.Ed. program is to produce knowledgeable and reflective teachers who are capable of self-analysis and who have dispositions for continued professional growth and lifelong learning. The main priority of the program is to assist licensed teachers in improving their instructional strategies for enhancing the learning of all K-12 students so that they can achieve at high levels.

The 36-hour program includes a comprehensive required core, specialized core courses, field/clinical experiences, and a Leadership and Collaboration Project (LCP). The core courses focus on understanding and addressing: (a) the needs of diverse student populations; (b) leadership skills and the interaction strategies and practices necessary to use these skills effectively; and (c) research skills to study, understand, and effectively solve educational problems. Field/clinical experiences are integrated in the core courses and specialty courses. The Leadership and Collaboration Project (LCP) is a capstone evidence in which candidates are required to demonstrate their development of: (a) a deepened knowledge of research-based professional practice as applied to an educational issue, topic or trend, (b) professional leadership skills through participatory sharing of research based best practices and (c) enhanced professional reflection skills.

The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program offers an opportunity for an initial teaching license in: secondary education grades 9-12 (mathematics, biology, sociology); middle grades 6-9 (mathematics, science, language arts), and special education K-12 (general curriculum). The program parallels the M.Ed. with respect to accreditation standards and competencies. The M.A.T. is designed to help candidates earn an initial Class A teacher license with subsequent opportunities to earn a master's degree with eligibility for an advanced level M license in the respective specialty areas. The M.A.T. degrees are designed based on the candidates' transcripts and range from 39 semester hours to 45 semester hours. Both the M.A.T. and M. Ed. programs meet contemporary curricular needs of the Common Core and the NC Essential Standards. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Department of Elementary Education submitted an academic proposal to create a M.A.T. in Elementary Education degree

program. The academic proposal has gone through the university approval process and the proposal was approved.

In April 2017, FSU submitted Educator Preparation Program (EPP) proposals to the NC Department of Public Instruction to be reviewed for alignment with recent NC legislated requirements for teacher and school executive preparation programs. The EPP was approved in fall 2017 by the State Board of Education. In September of 2017, FSU submitted an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) proposal for a M.A.T. in Elementary Education program to the NC Department of Public Instruction to be reviewed and approved.

The College of Education hosted our annual American Education Week (November 13-18, 2017) as a part of Fayetteville State University's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The week was packed with several activities and events for students, faculty, staff, public school teachers and students and community members. During American Education Week we hosted activities involving our FSU Early Childhood Learning Center; renowned national speakers such as Dr. Robert Q. Berry, III (current National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) President-Elect); professional development activities for our clinical experience candidates and administrative support staff; panel discussions with distinguished FSU alumni retired and veteran/beginning principals and teachers from this region; the FEC/SNCAE student organization meet-n-greet and annual Talent Showcase; test preparation for major licensure exams and a mini-conference for middle and high school students interested in STEM disciplines and careers.

The College of Education's 2018 Excellence in Teaching Conference was held on April 20, 2018. This year's conference promoted teaching as the subtle art of shaping minds (#SHAPINGMINDSFSU2018EITC). The goal for this year's conference was to provide informative sessions that motivated educators to continue to make a profound and positive impact on the lives of children in our communities. We had a record breaking attendance of over 180 attendees. Students, faculty and staff attended informative and innovative sessions such as: Breaking Myths & Shaping Minds: Teaching Exceptional Students; Developing Academic Language across Content Areas; What is Your True Color?; Body Toning Class; Being an

Effective Intern; A.L.I.C.E.: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate; Innovative Crafts & Technology Strategies for Teachers; Social Dancing (Line Dancing); Dimensions of Wellness: A Healthy Body Equals A Healthy Mind; Communication Fitness & Its Importance in the Workplace; and Open Educational Resources.

Special Features of Master's Program

The M.Ed. and M.A.T. degree programs have several special features, including the comprehensive core, a specialized core, a diversified delivery system, and a capstone activity. The comprehensive core is designed for licensed teachers and incorporates North Carolina Standards for Graduate Teacher Candidates and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The core addresses the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that an advanced licensed teacher should demonstrate. During the comprehensive core, candidates extend their knowledge of contemporary issues in education such as characteristics of diverse learners, assessment and use of data to drive instruction, research-based instructional strategies, curriculum planning, diversity, technology, and advanced studies in human development and learning communities. The College of Education (COE) continued to update courses by including an assignment in one of the core courses, *EDUC 610 Planning & Implementing Instruction for Diverse Learners*, to assist teachers in developing and implementing culturally relevant curriculum with an emphasis on working with children from military families. A topic related to meeting the needs of ESL students is included in *READ 552 Teaching Literacy Across Content Areas* and *READ 605 Investigations in the Teaching of Reading*, specifically to help make content comprehensible. The specialization core courses for each licensure area range from 18 semester hours to 24 semester hours and are designed to meet the standards of the specialized professional organizations. For example, the M.Ed. in Reading courses are designed to meet the standards of the International Reading Association. All licensure areas require field/clinical experiences; consequently, candidates interact with and within the University's immediate and extended communities and serve as resources for K-12 school districts. The program utilizes all types of instructional delivery - web based instruction, online courses, hybrid courses, face-to-face courses, and evening classes to accommodate candidates. All candidates are required to

complete a culminating product of learning which includes a Leadership and Collaboration Project (LCP). In the LCP, candidates conduct action research and/or case studies, reflect on their practices, present results of research and include a variety of artifacts to document their advanced competencies aligned to the NC Standards for Graduate Teacher Candidates. Candidates engage in experiences that serve as a capstone for bringing knowledge and practice of core competencies and specialty area courses together in an integrated manner.

I. CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS

A. Number of Students Who Applied to the Graduate Educator Prep Program

| Number of Students Who Applied to the Graduate Educator Prep Program | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Gender | Number |
| Male | 0 |
| Female | 5 |
| Race/Ethnicity | Number |
| Hispanic / Latino | 0 |
| Asian | 0 |
| African-American | 5 |
| American Indian / Alaskan Native | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 |
| White | 0 |
| Multi-Racial | 0 |
| Student does not wish to provide | 0 |

B. Headcount of students formally admitted to and enrolled in programs leading to licensure.

| Full-Time | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| | Male | | Female | |
| Graduate | Asian | | Asian | |
| | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | 3 | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | 7 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | Hispanic/Latino | |
| | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | 1 |
| | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | |
| | White | | White | |
| | Multi-Racial | | Multi-Racial | |
| | Not Provided | | Not Provided | |
| | Total | 3 | Total | 8 |
| Licensure-Only | Asian | | Asian | |

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | Hispanic/Latino | |
| | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | |
| | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | |
| | White | | White | |
| | Multi-Racial | | Multi-Racial | |
| | Not Provided | | Not Provided | |
| | Total | - | Total | - |
| Part-Time | | | | |
| | Male | | Female | |
| Graduate | Asian | | Asian | |
| | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | 1 | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | Hispanic/Latino | |
| | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | |
| | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | |
| | White | | White | |
| | Multi-Racial | | Multi-Racial | |
| | Not Provided | | Not Provided | |
| | Total | 1 | Total | - |
| Licensure-Only | Asian | | Asian | |
| | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | | Black, Not Hispanic Origin | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | Hispanic/Latino | |
| | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | | Am Indian/Alaskan Native | |
| | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | |
| | White | | White | |
| | Multi-Racial | | Multi-Racial | |
| | Not Provided | | Not Provided | |
| | Total | - | Total | - |

C. Program Completers (reported by IHE).

| Program Area | Graduate | | Graduate Licensure Only | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----|-------------------------|----|
| | PC | LC | PC | LC |
| PC Completed program but has not applied for or is not eligible to apply for a license | | | | |
| LC Completed program and applied for license | | | | |
| Prekindergarten (B-K) | | | | |
| Elementary (K-6) | | | | |
| Middle Grades (6-9) | 1 | 2 | | |

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| Secondary (9-12) | | | | |
| Special Subjects (K-12) | 1 | | | |
| Exceptional Children (K-12) | 1 | | | |
| Vocational Education (7-12) | | | | |
| Special Services Personnel | | | | |
| Total | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

D. Quality of students admitted to programs during report year.

| Measure | Graduate |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| MEAN GPA | 3.36 |
| MEAN MAT Electronic Rubric | N/A |
| MEAN MAT Written | N/A |
| MEAN GRE Electronic | N/A |
| MEAN GRE Written | * |
| MEAN NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE | 8.00 |
| NUMBER EMPLOYED IN NC SCHOOLS | * |
| * To protect confidentiality of student records, mean scores based on fewer than five test takers were not printed. | |
| Comment or Explanation: | |

E. Scores of program completers that lead to initial license on professional and content area examinations.

| Specialty Area/Professional Knowledge | 2017-2018 Program Completers Licensure Pass Rate | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Number Taking Test | Percent Passing | State Pass Rate |
| M.G. Math | 1 | * | 75 |
| Spec Ed: General Curriculum | 2 | * | 83 |
| Institution Summary | 3 | * | 93 |
| * To protect confidentiality of student records, mean scores based on fewer than five test takers were not printed. | | | |

F. Time from admission into the graduate teacher education program until program completion

| | Full Time | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 3 or fewer semesters | 4 semesters | 5 semesters | 6 semesters | 7 semesters | 8 semesters |
| Graduate degree | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Licensure Only | | | | | | |
| Part Time | | | | | | |
| | 3 or fewer semesters | 4 semesters | 5 semesters | 6 semesters | 7 semesters | 8 semesters |
| Graduate degree | | | | | | |
| Licensure Only | | | | | | |
| Comment or Explanation: | | | | | | |
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