## NEW program or Certificate PROPOSAL FORM

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| ACADEMIC AREA: | School of Education |
| PROPOSEd by: | Elaine Schaeffer |
| PRESENTER: | Elaine Schaeffer |
| SUBMISSION DATE: | 2/7/2014 |
| select one:  | NEW AS DEGREE |
| Program OR CERTIFICATE Name: | AS in Early Childhood Education |

### SECTION I

**program or certificate Description:**

Attach the proposed catalog page with program information, along with samples of curricula for similar programs or certificates at other institutions.

attached

**similar programs or programs at other colleges/universities:**

attached information from the following colleges:
eastern florida state college, miami dade college, northwest florida state college, hillborough community college, tallahassee community college, pensacola state college, gulf coast state college, polk state college, and seminole state college

**DESCRIBE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE NEED FOR THE NEW PROGRAM or certificate WAS IDENTIFIED:**

Members of the Program Committee of the early learning coalition of swfl (ELCSWFL), who represent child development centers, school districts, and agencies dealing with families and children in Lee, Collier, hendry and glades counties, discussed the need for the re-institution of the AS in ECE degree .
The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida has instituted a quality rating system that requires early childhood centers to employ candidates with a degree specifically in early childhood to maintain their ratings.
Many national accrediting bodies require an Early Childhood specific degree of teachers working in early childhood settings.
The Associate in Science in Early Childhood degree promotes matriculation into the BS in Elementary Education.
By reinstating the AS degree prior articulation agreements with local school districts can be reinstated to allow qualified students to successfully matriculate in to Edison’s School of Education.

**PROJECT AVERAGE ENROLLMENT FOR CORE COURSES:**

25

**DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROJECTION WAS DETERMINED:**

based on enrollment figures from the as in ece program in existence prior to 2009 as well as participation in those courses as they exist in the current AA program.

### SECTION II

**LIST PERSONNEL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN ADDITION TO EXISTING RESOURCES:**

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**Describe library resources needed to support this program or certificate. Explain rationale for response, even if answer is none:**

no new resources since the courses for this degree already exist.

**Describe technology, facility, laboratory, or other resources needed to support this program or certificate:**

no new resources since the courses for this degree already exist.

**list estimated annual amount required for educational materials/supplies or other operating expenses for implementation:**

MAterials already exist in the Curriculum library for this program.
Additionally, lab fees are already established FOR ALL ECE COURSES.

**identify the funding source to be used for personnel and operating expenses:**

A faculty line already EXISTS to support this program, as well as a budget for all needed adjunct faculty.

### SECTION III

**PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRICULUM ACTION (OTHER EXPLANATORY INFORMATION):**

When the AS in ECE degree was discontinued at Edison in 2009, the college stated that the new aa with an emphasis in early childhood degree would be forthcoming. as it turned out, the designation of emphasis in early childhood was never attached to the aa degree, thereby making it difficult for graduates to document that their degree was, in fact, one in early childhood education.

**nOTE:** Changes for the Fall 2014 Term must be submitted by the January 2014 deadline and approved no later than the February 2014 Curriculum Committee meeting prior to the start of the next academic year. Changes during mid-school year are NOT permitted. Extreme circumstances will require approval from the appropriate dean as well as the Vice President, Academic Affairs to begin in either the spring or summer term.

**TERM IN WHICH PROPOSED ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE:**

FALL 2014

TYPE IN TERM IF “EXCEPTION” AND OBTAIN BOTH SIGNATURES BELOW OR TYPE “NA”

**oRDER OF APPROVAL FOR EXCEPTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

SIGNATURE #1 NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE TERM EXCEPTION:

SIGNATURE #2 NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE TERM EXCEPTION:

**FACULTY ENDORSEMENTS:**PLEASE SEPARATE FACULTY MEMBERS WITH A COMMA



**DEPARTMENT CHAIRs / PROGRAM COORDINATOR ENDORSEMENT:**

 2/7/2014

**DEAN ENDORSEMENT:**

 2/7/2014

**DEANS’ COUNCIL Review – verified by:**

 3/17/2014

**sacs liasion endorsement:**

 PLEASE SELECT TODAY’S DATE

*All new programs or certificates may require*

*pre-approval from SACS prior to implementation.*

**FOR CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: March 28, 2014**

Completed curriculum proposals must be uploaded to the dropbox by the deadline. Please refer to the *Curriculum Committee Critical Dates for Submission for Proposals* document available in the document manager in the MyEdisonState Portal:

* Document Manager
* VP Academic Affairs
* Curriculum Process Documents