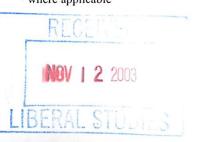
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Description of the Curriculum Change

1. An exact statement of what is to be deleted

Delete ECED 312 Aesthetic Experiences for Young Children. This is currently a required course in the Early Childhood Education program of study.

2. Justification/Rationale

A new course, ECED 314 Creative Experiences to Enhance Literacy Acquisition, is being added to the Early Childhood Education program and will combine course content from ECED 312 Aesthetic Experiences for Young Children and ECED 315 Development and Learning through Play.

When restructuring the Early Childhood Education program of study to include a reading academic concentration, it became imperative to streamline current courses to maintain the 120 cr. hrs limit for the program of study. As the "Aesthetic Experiences" and "Play" courses are closely related, it is reasonable to combine the course content and create this new course, which is designed to help our students meet the NAEYC accreditation standards.

3. A description of how this change will affect existing courses, programs, etc. and how the deletion(s) will affect students currently in the program.

The new course, ECED 314, designed to replace this course, will become a requirement for students entering the ECED/ELED program in Fall 2004. Students currently enrolled in ECED will follow the program of study as presented in the college catalog at the time of their acceptance into the program.