

APPENDIX H

Request to Discontinue Two Special Education Baccalaureate Programs and Replace with a Single Baccalaureate Program in Special Education University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Request

Due to changes in initial certification in special education adopted recently by the Department of Public Instructions to coincide with NC ABC Plus accountability outcomes and US Department of Education's Leave No Child Behind legislation, UNC Pembroke request that two baccalaureate programs in special education be discontinued to be replaced by a single baccalaureate program in special education. The new standards reflect an instructional oriented certification replacing the more categorical approach previously used for certification and the obtaining of initial licenses in special education. The new certification will emphasize the individual instructional and educational services that students with disabilities will need. To continue professional development of the teachers with this new certification, advanced certification with emphasis in specific areas will continue to be offered and will be identified by special codes in the UNC inventory.

The two courses to be discontinued are:

BS in Special Education, Mentally Handicapped (CIP 13.1006)

BS in Special Education, Learning Disabilities (CIP 13.1011)

These two programs will be replaced by:

BS in Special Education (CIP 13.1001)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the BS in Special Education, Mentally Handicapped and the BS in Special Education, Learning Disabilities be discontinued and replaced by the BS in Special Education effective August 2005.