

**Request for Authorization to Discontinue and/or Consolidate
Academic Degree Programs**

**The University of North Carolina at Pembroke – Master of Arts (MA) in Art Education –
(CIP 13.1302)**

Overview: The Master of Arts in Art Education (13.1302) at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will be discontinued effective fall 2021. The request to permanently discontinue the degree program was approved by the head of the program, appropriate institutional committees, and chief academic officer.

The program is being discontinued due to a lack of student demand. Enrollment numbers declined steadily over the five previous years to a level insufficient to justify the program cost. In the fall 2020 application cycle, only two students applied to the MA program. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke also offers a Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) with Art Specialization which aligns with the Educator Preparation Program and teacher licensure requirements.

The two students currently enrolled in the program have been advised and are supported by individualized degree completion plans. No faculty or staff members will be reassigned due to the discontinuation of the program, as three required courses will still be offered under the MAT program and three new courses will continue to utilize their expertise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's request to discontinue the Master of Arts in Art Education (13.1302) effective fall 2021.