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February 1, 2018

Dr. Richard Leeman  
Faculty President  
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Dear Rich,

In accordance with the procedure concerning degree name changes, I am forwarding a request from the Cato College of Education to change the name of the M.Ed. in Middle Grades and Secondary Education (current) to M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction (proposed).

The justification for the change is attached. In accordance with the procedure (<http://provost.uncc.edu/policies/degree-name-changes>) I ask that you consult with the Graduate Council, and following that consultation, that the name change be considered for faculty approval at the subsequent Faculty Executive Committee and Faculty Council meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan F. Lorden".

Joan F. Lorden

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### Attachments

cc: Ellen McIntyre, Dean, Cato College of Education  
Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant





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TO: Provost Joan Lorden  
FROM: Ellen McIntyre *EMc*  
DATE: 1/25/2018  
RE: Support Name Change

I support the name change of the M.Ed in Middle Grades and Secondary Education to the M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. The Chair and faculty support this change.





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January 15, 2018

Dear Provost Lorden,

The Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education and the College of Education respectfully request to change the name of the M.Ed. in Middle Grades and Secondary Education to the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction. On January 19, 2018 the faculty expressed its support of the name change by a vote of (13-0).

The curriculum for the M.Ed. in Middle Grades and Secondary Education, which historically served only middle grades or secondary education teachers, has been revised in an effort to serve a broader constituency in the region. The primary program revision was to amend the program to broaden the degree by creating an additional concentration in Teaching English as a Second Language. With the addition of this concentration to this degree, the range of potential candidates was expanded to include K-12 teachers who are interested in pursuing graduate education through specialization in Middle Grades Education, Secondary Education, or Teaching English as a Second Language. With an added concentration, students will be allowed more flexibility to choose an additional concentration that better reflects the diverse urban school populations that we serve. The broader degree will also allow for the creation of additional concentrations in the future, should the need arise. All curriculum revisions were approved in the (spring 2018-pending) semester and new students will enroll in Spring 2019.

The name change from Master of Education in Middle Grades and Secondary Education to Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction accomplishes the following objectives:

- The change better reflects the focus on innovative curriculum design and effective instructional delivery.
- The change allows the degree program to expand its candidate pool to include K-12 teachers, rather than only middle or secondary education teachers.
- The change to a broader degree allows for the possibility to create additional concentrations to be added in the future, should the need arise.

The change reflects existing approaches taken by several of UNC Charlotte's peer institutions that serve candidates seeking graduate education in curriculum and instruction. For example, Virginia Tech has one M.A.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with different concentrations in Math Education, ESL education, etc. (<https://liberalarts.vt.edu/departments-and-schools/school-of-education/academic-programs.html>). UNC Wilmington offers one broader M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction degree with ten different concentration options ([https://uncw.edu/ed/degree\\_grad.html#med](https://uncw.edu/ed/degree_grad.html#med)).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  


Scott Kissau  
Chair, Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education