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July 8, 2015

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost of Academic Programs
Melissa Newhouse, Program Manager

CC: Andrew Zircher, Director of Assessment and Curriculum
Sarah Odum, Curriculum Coordinator

From: Bryan Warnick, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

RE: PRE-MAJOR GPA REQUIREMENT FOR BSED IN ECE, MCE, SME, ILAEE, TESOL, AND FLE

The faculty and administration of the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE) approve the proposal to implement a 2.5 pre-major GPA requirement for the following majors in the Department of Teaching and Learning:

- Early Childhood Education,
- Middle Childhood Education,
- Science and Mathematics Education,
- Integrated Language Arts/English Education,
- TESOL, and
- Foreign Language Education.

This change is to help set students up for success when they apply for the major and later for licensure. The licensure GPA requirement is 2.75 for the major and content areas. Students with a GPA below 2.5 could apply to the major.

Students on the Columbus and regional campuses who are currently in the pre-major and who do not meet the minimum GPA equal 71 out of the 886 students in the pre-major. EHE Undergraduate Student Services will implement program action for students who are below the 2.75 GPA to apply to the major. This is done across all majors in EHE and is an early action program to help students determine alternate major options.

The proposal was approved by the EHE Curriculum Committee with support from the Office of Educator Preparation. The request letter is attached.

EHE approves the proposal to implement a 2.5 pre-major GPA requirement for the listed majors in the Department of Teaching and Learning and requests approval from the Council on Academic Affairs. If there are any questions, please contact me at warnick.11@osu.edu or our curriculum coordinator, Sarah Odum, at odum.11@osu.edu.



April 16, 2015

Dear Curriculum Committee Members,

Our undergraduate majors have been operating for two full-years. During that time, questions have begun to arise about the originally proposed grade point average for pre-major students. The original submission was that students simply need to meet the University minimum gpa of 2.0 in order to declare a pre-major in Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, Science and Mathematics Education, Integrated Language Arts, TESOL, and Foreign Language Education.

After input from faculty and undergraduate advising, the Department would like to establish a 2.5 minimum gpa for pre-majors in the above programs. This would ensure that students are closer to the 2.75 minimum for admission to the major, while leaving space for a student who struggles academically at any point in the pre-major.

This request was approved unanimously at our Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting on April 3, 2015.

Sincerely,

Jessica Mercerhill
Assistant Chair