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April 22, 2020

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost of Academic Programs
Katie Reed, Executive Assistant

From: Danielle Brown, Curriculum and Assessment Manager

RE: DEPARTMENT CHANGE: MOVE OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY LICENSURE PROGRAM

The faculty and administration of the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE) have approved moving the Orientation and Mobility licensure program from the Department of Educational Studies to the Department of Teaching and Learning. The EHE Curriculum Committee approved the request on March 23, 2020.

Back in 2017, the program was moved from the Department of Teaching and Learning to the Department of Educational Studies when Dr. Peter Paul moved departments. At the time, Dr. Paul was the lead instructor for the Orientation and Mobility program. Directed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, the program went through a national review during the 2018-2019 school year. In order to remain compliant, the state mandated that someone who is certified in the discipline must lead the Orientation and Mobility Licensure program. Currently Dr. Danene Fast in the Department of Teaching and Learning is the only PhD on campus with ACVREP certification as an orientation and mobility specialist (COMS). Dr. Fast has agreed to take over the program and has started the formal process to move the entire program back to the Department of Teaching and Learning as well as the eight courses associated with the program.

EHE approves moving the licensure program from the Department of Educational Studies to the Department of Teaching and Learning and requests approval from the Council on Academic Affairs. If there are any questions, please contact me at brown.2199@osu.edu.



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Dear Danielle,

Please let this letter serve as acknowledgement that the O&M program will be moving from the Department of Educational Studies to the Department of Teaching and Learning. This includes the movement of eight courses that were previously in our department. The Department of Educational Studies is committed to doing what is necessary to ensure a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

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