

Instructional Technology Non-Degree Certification

Memo

DATE: October 3, 2014

RE: Non-Degree Certification in Instructional Technology

The Instructional Technology Program proposes the following changes:

Summary of Revisions:

1. To meet increased demand, the program would like to offer a certification in Instructional Technology. This certification would not include the EDFS courses but instead would include only the required IT courses necessary to meet the PSC requirements for certification as an Instructional Technology Coordinator.
2. This certification will be fully online and will require 24 hours of coursework.
3. This certification is designed for graduate students that are already certified educators and have received a master's degree in a different field or concentration. Instead of getting a second master's degree in Instructional Technology, graduate students would only need to take the required courses for certification at the state level.
4. No new courses are being proposed, the existing courses are able to satisfy all of the non-degree requirements.
5. Included is a program of study that shows the non-degree certification requirements contrasted with the current M.Ed. requirements.

RATIONALE

The Instructional Technology program is requesting this change in order to continue to grow our program and meet the needs of students who want to become certified in IT without completing another graduate degree. It will allow us to remain competitive among our peers around the state of Georgia.

Effective Date: Spring 2015

Impact on Students: The proposed change will result in a positive impact on students. It will allow them to become certified through the PSC without having to complete another graduate degree.

Financial Impact: There should be no negative financial impact on the IT program, as no new faculty will be needed to cover the courses.

Substantive Change Notification
Instructional Technology Program
Georgia College & State University

This letter is to inform the PSC of our intent to offer a non-degree certification in Instructional Technology (I.T.) alongside our existing (and recently approved) M.Ed. in Instructional Technology that can lead to an S-5 certification as an Instructional Technology Coordinator. We currently have strong enrollment in our master's level program, however there has also been a fair amount of interest from students who already have a master's degree in an educational field but would like to become certified in instructional technology.

The non-degree certification would be structured very similarly to our current Library Media Specialist non-degree certification. It would be entirely online and would require the same number of I.T. courses, both required and electives. Coursework would total 24 hours and would include an internship/capstone requirement.

Our I.T. program was entirely redesigned two years ago to align with the T-PACK standards, and was approved by the PSC without any changes necessary. We would like to gain approval for the non-degree certification with a target start date of Spring, 2015. Please advise the steps that are necessary to gain this approval from the PSC.

Thank you for your time,

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Program of Study
Requirements for Instructional Technology
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**M.Ed. in Educational
Technology**

**Non-Degree
Certification**

<i>Required</i>	<i>(15 hours)</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>(15 hours)</i>
EDIT 6210	Foundations of IT	EDIT 6210	Foundations of IT
EDIT 6275	Instructional Design	EDIT 6275	Instructional Design
EDIT 5202	Instructional Tech	EDIT 5202	Instructional Tech
EDIT 6225	Intro to Distance Ed	EDIT 6225	Intro to Distance Ed
EDIT 6960	Internship & Capstone	EDIT 6960	Internship & Capstone
<i>Electives</i>	<i>(9 hours)</i>	<i>Electives</i>	<i>(9 hours)</i>
EDIT 6202	Advanced Prod of Tech	EDIT 6202	Advanced Prod of Tech
EDIT 6230	Evaluation	EDIT 6230	Evaluation
EDIT 6258	Develop. of Dig Media	EDIT 6258	Develop. of Dig Media
EDIT 6226	Online Learning Env.	EDIT 6226	Online Learning Env.
EDIT 6700	Emerging Tech for the Classroom	EDIT 6700	Emerging Tech for the Classroom
EDIT 6598	Special Topics	EDIT 6598	Special Topics
EDEX 6111	Special Education	EDEX 6111	Special Education
<i>Core Curric.</i>	<i>(12 hours)</i>		
EDFS 6224	Intro to School Improv.		
EDFS 6225	Identifying Problems		
EDFS 6226	Models of Inquiry		
EDFS 6231	Research for School Improvement		
Total Hours	36	Total Hours	24

Please note: Unless otherwise stated, all courses are 3 credit hours and are offered in an online format.