

Board Meeting
January 31, 2019

ELIMINATE THE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SPECIAL
EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE,
URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education, College of Education and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to eliminate the Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education.

“Certificate of Advanced Study” is the title of a transcribed degree offered by a small number of programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. These Certificates of Advanced Study require advanced graduate-level work; this particular program specifically requires 32 hours. As such, this is an action item as it is a proposal to eliminate the Certificate of Advanced Study (degree) in Special Education (major).

The Certificate of Advanced Study in Special Education (CAS in SPED) is not and has not been marketed to prospective students, as the program does not admit students directly. It was used specifically as an option for students who left the Ph.D. program prior to the dissertation defense so that they have a degree reflective of the

academic work completed here. Only three students in the last ten years have utilized this option and had the CAS in SPED degree conferred. No students are currently enrolled, and there are no prospective students in the pipeline. As such, the College of Education and the Graduate College seek elimination of the CAS in SPED at this time.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.