

Board Meeting
November 14, 2013

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEARNING AND EDUCATION
STUDIES, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, URBANA

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Science in Learning and Education Studies,
College of Education

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 to establish the Bachelor of Science in Learning and Education Studies.

The College of Education proposes to establish a non-licensure Bachelor of Science in Learning and Education Studies. The degree will offer three concentrations: 1) Applied Learning Science; 2) Educational Equality and Cultural Understanding; and 3) Workplace Training and Development.

Education is no longer conceptualized as an enterprise restricted to schools. The unprecedented pace of change in the nature of literacies, expansion of technology, and access to information affords learning in both school and non-school contexts so as to challenge universities to prepare students in new ways. Successful participation in contemporary society requires the ability to learn complex information to support problem

solving and decision-making across a wide range of contexts. Learning must also be lifelong to afford adaptation to change in the economic, political, technological, and cultural landscape.

This curriculum prepares individuals for positions requiring expertise in formal and non-formal learning and educational settings that do NOT require licensure (becoming a licensed teacher). Students interested in becoming a licensed teacher should consider the licensure program in the majors of Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, or Special Education. A minimum of 120 semester hours is necessary for graduation in the Learning and Education Studies program. Students will spend much of the first two years with general education courses, achieving a solid preparation in the humanities, social and natural sciences, technology and mathematics. In the final two years of the major, students will take a set of core courses, as well as coursework in one of the concentrations.

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 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.