

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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## ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE: 22 February 2022**

**FROM: Graduate Studies Committee**

**SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Master of Arts and Master of Education in Education and Graduate Diploma in Education and Digital Technologies**

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## COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section III, part d) of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments” and report them to Academic Council for information.

## BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed adjustments to the graduate programs as follows:

All Programs:

- The inclusion of a CV in the required documentation for all applicants. The requirement for a CV is listed on the Faculty of Education website as required for non-standard admissions and MA applicants, but it is not listed on the SGPS application process website for any program. Including the CV requirement for all applicants will provide additional insight on the applicant’s experiences which can support the application and better inform the admission committee members in their decision-making process

MEd and GDip:

- Update the English Language proficiency requirements for consistency

MEd:

- Reduce the minimum number of courses, from 4 to 3, that students must complete prior to applying for transfer from the MEd Course-only option to the MEd Project option

## RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no resource implications.

## TRANSITION PLAN:

There is no transition plan required for the changes to admission; new students will follow the requirements as of Fall 2022 admissions. For the reduction in the number of courses required to transfer to the Project option, current students will be advised they may apply to transfer after successful completion of at least 4 courses in the program.

## CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

Graduate Studies Committee: 25 January 2022

Faculty Council: 20 December 2021 (admissions), 29 November (transfer)

Graduate Program Committee: 10 December 2021 (admissions), 8 October 2021 (transfer)

## NEXT STEPS:

This change will be included in the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [MEd Degree Requirements](#) (transfer)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Graduate Diploma](#) (admissions)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [MA](#) (admissions)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [MEd](#) (admissions)