

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 9, 2011**

SUBJECT: Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education, Specialization - Student/Elementary Education/ESOL/Reading at the University of West Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for Approval the Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education, Specialization Student/Elementary Education/ESOL/Reading (CIP 13.1001) at the University of West Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Subsection 1007.25 (8), Florida Statutes; Board of Governors Regulation 8.014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of West Florida (UWF) is seeking approval for its Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education, Specialization Student/Elementary Education/ESOL/Reading to exceed 120 credit hours to degree in order to meet Department of Education and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation requirements for teacher education programs. The increase in credit hours is due to the curriculum requirements which call for 36 semester hours of General Studies, 9 semester hours of Statewide Common Prerequisites, 6 semester hours of coursework in an international or diversity focus, 9 semester hours of coursework to fulfill state lower level course requirements, and 72 semester hours in the major field of study including student teaching.

The UWF Board of Trustees approved the program to exceed 120 credit hours to degree on June 7, 2011. If the request is approved by the Board of Governors, UWF will implement the request effective immediately.

Supporting Documentation Included:	University of West Florida Request
Facilitators/Presenters:	Governor Ann Duncan UWF Representatives