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Dr. Rosalyn A. Templeton
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
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Dear Provost Templeton:

This is in regard to your correspondence of April 2, 2011, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for changes in title, credits required, course codes, and course descriptions in the existing Master of Education degree program in Counselor Education K-12. Specifically, the K-12 designation is to be removed from the program title, resulting in a degree designation of Master of Education in Counselor Education. In addition, the renumbering of the program's courses from 600-level to 500-level is to comply with the Board of Regents policy for master's level courses. Further, the degree program will now require 60 total credits as opposed to the previous range of 50 to 60 total credits. Finally, seven course titles and the program's course descriptions were revised to reflect professional standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling Related Programs (CACREP) and the Montana's Office of Public Instruction Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards (PEPPS).

The Commission has reviewed and approved the revision of this degree program as a *minor change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the revised Master of Education degree program in Counselor Education is now included under the accreditation of Montana State University – Northern.

Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of the developments and initiatives at Montana State University – Northern. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Goad

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Vice President

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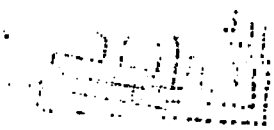
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