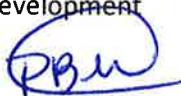




**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 1, 2017

**TO:** Walter Secada, Professor and Senior Associate Dean  
School of Education and Human Development

**FROM:** Patty Murphy, Executive Director   
Office of Assessment and Accreditation

**RE:** ADDENDUM to December 16<sup>th</sup> Memos re: New Graduate Programs in Applied Learning Sciences

This memorandum is to follow up on the School of Education and Human Development's proposal to create the following new graduate programs in Applied Learning Sciences effective Fall 2017: graduate Certificate, Master of Education, and Doctor of Education. The programs will be offered both on campus and via distance education. In my previous memos (for each program) dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, I stated that these new programs would require notification to our accrediting agency, SACSCOC. However, after reviewing the SACSCOC Substantive Change Policy and your proposal, I do not believe that notification is required for these new programs. They do not "represent a significant departure, either in content or method of delivery" from what we are currently approved by SACSCOC to offer due to the following:

- The program length for the master's and doctoral degree programs meets the SACSCOC requirement of a minimum of 30 credit hours.
- The master's and doctoral degree programs will require completion of a culminating project.
- Although 10 out of the 16 courses for the programs will be new, they will be interdisciplinary in nature drawing from the School's existing disciplines.
- The University is currently approved to offer the following graduate level programs in related areas:
  - PhD in Language and Literacy Learning in Multilingual Settings
  - PhD in STEM Education
  - PhD in Special Education
  - PhD in Research, Measurement, and Evaluation
  - EdS in Advanced Professional Studies
  - EdS in Early Childhood Special Education
  - EdS in STEM Education
  - MEd in Advanced Professional Studies
  - MEd in Early Childhood Special Education
  - MEd in Reading
  - MEd in STEM Education
- The University currently has sufficient qualified faculty to implement the program.
- The University is approved to offer 100% distance education programs.

SACSCOC only requires notification of new programs that represent a significant departure from our current programs. Therefore, no notification or approval is required for this change.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [pattymurphy@miami.edu](mailto:pattymurphy@miami.edu) or (305) 284-3276.

CC: Faculty Senate  
Guillermo Prado, Dean of the Graduate School  
Isaac Prilietensky, Dean of the School of Education and Human Development  
Karen Beckett, University Registrar