

Extension of Academic Program: B.S. in Teaching at OSU-Corvallis

BACKGROUND

Program Proposed Start Date

Spring 2023

Program Description

The B.S. degree in Teaching at the OSU-Corvallis campus will be offered in a collaboration between College of Education in Bend and Corvallis. The program is currently only offered at the Cascades campus and will now be extended to Corvallis.

Program Context

The administration of the programs in Corvallis and Cascades is overseen by the College of Education. There are adequate library resources to support the program on both campuses.

The Corvallis program will not differ from that delivered at the Cascades campus. The curriculum, catalog description, and degree learning outcomes and assessment plan (including direct measures of student learning) will be aligned across campuses. All courses needed to complete the major will be offered face-to-face in both locations.

OSU-Corvallis and OSU-Cascades offer student services for academic advising, financial aid, course registration, textbook purchases, a career development center, veterans' support services, experiential learning access, tutoring and student support disability services, and mental health counseling. Where appropriate, students at both campuses also have access to services, such as the Writing Center and technology support services, provided on the Corvallis campus both online and face-to-face.

Program Purpose/Relationship to University Mission/Strategic Plan

The B.S. in Teaching directly addresses OSU's Strategic Plan 4.0 to provide access to rich educational opportunities for students. First year students who attend public universities typically do so within 50 miles of their homes as these students are most often place-bound and seek higher education closer to their current residence and employment.

A key priority in expanding the current four-year program to Corvallis is to make the degree more accessible to a wide range of diverse students by eliminating the financial and time commitment barriers that exist in the current five-year (double degree) program. We hope to attract more candidates to the program, offer more financially viable options to students, and continue to grow and support quality programs for the State. As the State is currently experiencing a significant teacher shortage, offering a high-quality four-year program will streamline entry to the profession for teacher candidates and grow the teacher candidate pool.

Need for the Program

Other public institutions in Oregon offer a degree in Teaching. The synergy created by the Teaching degree programs in the state of Oregon will provide accessible educational

opportunities for all regions of the state. The Teaching programs at these institutions are complementary as regional schools as well as state institutions contribute to the health of their regional economies and communities.

Program Financials

The Corvallis campus leadership confirms that sufficient funding is available for program build-out and maintenance at the expansion site. Both the College of Education Dean and OSU-Cascades leadership have reviewed the funding overview with details of a budget that supports the following program components: coordination, course development, and program delivery including advising.

RECOMMENDATION

All appropriate university committees and the OSU Faculty Senate have reviewed and support the proposed termination. The Provost recommends that the Academic Strategies Committee approve the approval of the extension of the BS in Teaching to the Corvallis campus from the Cascades campus program Spring 2023, pending the approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.