Course Change Proposal
Form A

Academic Group (College): SSIS
Academic Organization (Department): PSYCHOLOGY
Date: 03-01-2007

Type of Course Proposal:
New ___ Change ___ Deletion ___
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Does this course fulfill a requirement for single-subject or multiple subject credential students? Yes ___ No ___
For Catalog Copy: Yes ___ No ___
CCE: Yes ___ No ___
Semester Effective: Fall ___ Spring ___, 2007

This course replaces experimental course Subject Area (prefix) and Catalog Number (course number):

Change from:
Subject Area (prefix) & Catalog No. (course no.): PsyC 295E
Title: Fieldwork in Applied Behavior Analysis
Units: 4

Change to:
Subject Area (prefix) & Catalog No. (course no.): PsyC 291
Title: Practicum in Behavior Analysis
Units: 3

JUSTIFICATION:
The Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) approves or revokes approval for university programs in behavior analysis. The BABC periodically issues new requirements that university programs must meet in order to maintain approval. Program approval allows students who take the behavioral course sequence to sit for the national certification examination in behavior analysis. The BABC has changed the supervised experience requirements effective July 1, 2006. The new requirements include: 3 hours per week of class meeting; 1000 total hours with the distribution of practicum hours of at least 10 hours per week, but not more than 25 hours per week for a minimum of 3 weeks per month; and supervision by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or faculty member approved by the BACB teaching in an approved university program. Students must be supervised at least weekly for 10% of the total hours students spend in practicum.

NEW COURSE DESCRIPTION: (Not to exceed 80 words, and language should conform to catalog copy. See http://www.csus.edu/acal/univmanual/crspsl.htm - Guidelines for Catalog Course Description)
Classroom and on-site experience in applied behavior analysis. Students will work at an approved agency for a minimum of 10 hours per week under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Students will also meet in class to present and review their cases. Emphasis will be placed on treatment integrity and ethics. Permission of instructor is required. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: PSYC 271. Graded Credit/No credit. 3 units.

Note:
Prerequisite: Instructor permission. PSYC 271.
Corequisite:
CAN (California Articulation Number):
Graded: Letter ___ Credit/No Credit ___
Instructor Approval Required? Yes ___ No ___
Course Classification (e.g., lecture, lab, seminar, discussion): seminar
Title for SIS+/CMS (not more than 30 characters)
Practicum in Behavior Analysis
Cross Listed?
Yes ___ No ___
If yes, do they meet together and fulfill the same requirement, and what is the other course.
How Many Times Can This Course be Taken for Credit?  

Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term? Yes ___ No x
FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSALS OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES ONLY:

Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes: Describe outcomes using the following format: "Students will be able to: 1), 2), etc." See the example at http://www.csus.edu/ncac/example.htm

1. Observe, record, and define target behaviors
2. Conduct indirect and direct behavioral assessments
3. Conduct a functional analysis to identify maintaining contingencies
4. Correctly identify effective reinforcers
5. Correctly implement reinforcement programs
6. Work cooperatively with a variety of professionals to design intervention programs
7. Correctly evaluate the effectiveness of an intervention and maintain treatment integrity.
8. Articulate the ethical principles that apply to work in the field of behavior analysis.

**Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities [Note: it is understood that these are updated and modified as needed by the instructor(s).] This attachment should be forwarded only to your Dean's office, not Academic Affairs.

Assessment Strategies: A description of the assessment strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers) which will be used by the instructor to determine the extent to which students have achieved the learning outcomes noted above:

During class meetings students will present video recordings of their on-site case work for critical evaluation and feedback by the course instructor and other practicum students. The instructor will grade each video presentation with emphasis on successive improvement in treatment integrity. Instructor will evaluate students on their case presentations according to the learning objectives. For example, the first case presentation will be evaluated according to how well the student has observed, recorded, and defined target behaviors. In addition, students will take weekly quizzes over the ethics test and additional assigned readings.

For whom is this course being developed?

 Majors in the Dept. x  Majors of other Depts.  Minors in the Dept.  General Education  Other

Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate)? Yes x  No

If yes, identify program(s): Required for the national certification in Behavior Analysis.

Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer facilities, faculty, etc.)? Yes  No x

If yes, attach a description of resources needed and verify that resources are available.

Indicate which department or programs will be affected by the proposed course (if any). None

The Department Chair's signature below indicates that affected programs have been sent a copy of this proposal form.

Approvals: If proposed change, new course or deletion is approved, sign and date below. If not approved, forward without signing to the next reviewing authority, and attach an explanatory memorandum to the original copy.

Signatures:

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 3/19/07

College Dean or Associate Dean: [Signature] Date: 3/19/07

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Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Programs

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