Program Proposal
Form B

Academic Group (College): Education
Date of Submission to College Dean: October, 2011

Academic Organization (Department): Special Ed, Rehabilitation, School Psychology, and Deaf Studies
Request Effective: Fall √, Spring, __ 2012__

Department Chair: Bruce Ostertag
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Coordinator – Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling

Title of the Program (Please be specific; indicate minor, undergraduate or graduate degree, etc.): Master of Science in Counseling - Vocational Rehabilitation

Type of Program Proposal:

√ Modification in Existing Program:
   Substantive Change
   Non-Substantive Change
   Deletion of Existing Program

New Programs
   Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
   New Degree Programs
      Regular Process
      Fast Track Process
      Pilot Process
   New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
   New Certificate Program

PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at http://www.csus.edu/umanual/acad.htm

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

The requirements for admission as a Master of Science in Counseling - Vocational Rehabilitation program are being modified to address a technical recommendation from the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS). Currently, OGS calculates a candidates' GPA only utilizing the undergraduate grade level achievement, this includes lower- and upper-division courses. This current admission requirement has negatively impacted potential M.S. candidates who did not achieve a sufficient GPA during their lower division coursework. By adding the recommended phrasing, "...in the last 60-semester units of college coursework," candidates who have demonstrated maturity and GPA success at the upper-division and/or graduate level (i.e., post-baccalaureate programs) can now meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirements.

This non-substantive change is consistent with other graduate-level admission criteria throughout the campus.
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