**COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH**  
**REVISION OF EXISTING DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

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**Contact Person:**

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**Indicate type(s) of revision:**

- [ ] Change in catalog description
- [ ] Change in course requirements
- [ ] Add/modify/delete subarea
- [ ] Change in total credit hours
- [x] Delete program
- [ ] Other(s) describe

**Consult with SCHEV liaison regarding SCHEV reporting or review:**

- [ ] not needed
- [ ] report as simple modification
- [x] submit proposal for approval as a substantial modification

**Consult with SACS liaison regarding SACS reporting or review:**

- [ ] not needed
- [ ] submit letter of notifications
- [ ] submit substantive change prospectus
Proposal Description with Rationale: Include the current language and use track changes to indicate proposed changes. Explain why the change is desired.

Proposed Intent to Discontinue

Radford University is discontinuing the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology (CIP code: 30.1101).

Background

In November 2014, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) adopted gerontology competencies for undergraduate and graduate education. These competencies were designed to unify approaches to the discipline of gerontology. The School of Nursing, located in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services at Radford University initiated a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology spring 2016 that addressed the competencies. The purpose of the Graduate Gerontology Certificate is to prepare individuals to meet the growing needs, in multiple disciplines, of an aging population that they may serve in the future. The program is designed for graduate students wishing to work in the field of gerontology/aging or community members wishing to expand their career options within a gerontology focus.

The availability of this certificate and the curriculum however did not attract any students. No student ever enrolled for the certificate.

Rationale

In the four years during which the post-baccalaureate certificate has been available and in the Graduate College catalog no student has enrolled. A decision therefore has been made to discontinue this certificate and remove it from the Radford University degree inventory.

Critical Shortage

This post-baccalaureate certificate is not in a critical shortage area.

Teach-out Plan

No new students are currently enrolled. No new students will be enrolled.

Stopped-out Students

No students are “stopped-out” of the certificate program.
Approval/recommendation pathway:
  Department Curriculum Committee (if for one discipline)
  College Curriculum Committee
  College Dean
  Academic Course and Program Review
  Graduate Affairs Council
  Faculty Senate (recommendation)
  Provost
  SCHEV if required
  SACS if required

Instructions:
  • Indicate the type of change in the current degree program that is requested. The proposal can include more than one change in a program.
  • Consult with the SCHEV liaison to determine if the proposed program revision would require notifying SCHEV of the change or SCHEV approval. The current SCHEV liaison is George Santopietro, Assistant Provost for Academic Operations, gsantopi@radford.edu x5460.
  • Consult with the SACS liaison to determine if the proposed program revision would require notifying SACS of the change or SACS approval. The current SACS liaison is Sandra Baker, Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Improvement, sbaker10@radford.edu x5792.
  • Attach graduate proposal signature page.
## Approval/Recommendation Signature Sheet for Graduate Curriculum Proposals

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For new majors and certificates:

- **Library Liaison**

For new or discontinued majors, minors, certificates, concentrations, options or significant changes in program requirements:

- **Faculty Senate President following review by the Faculty Senate**
- **Provost and VP for Academic Affairs**

For proposals going to BOV, SCHEV and/or SACSCOC:

- **President**
- **Board of Visitors approval date**
- **SCHEV approval date**
- **SACSCOC approval date**
- **Entered into catalog by Graduate College**