



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: T. Chris Riley-Tillman, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Rename Educational Psychology Program

DATE: December 10, 2025

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The attached notice of intent from the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences (CESHS) to rename the Educational Psychology program to *Educational Psychology and Methodology* has been reviewed by the Provost's Office and our internal review committee. After careful consideration, we support the proposal.

The proposed name change is intended to more accurately reflect the full scope, rigor, and expertise of the program. Adding "Methodology" will better communicate to prospective students, campus partners, and external stakeholders the comprehensive training offered in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research. This adjustment will more clearly convey the degree's relevance for careers in research, data analysis, program evaluation, and assessment—fields that increasingly demand strong methodological skill sets. The revised name also emphasizes the scholarly expertise of the faculty and reinforces the methodological depth embedded in the curriculum.

During the review process, our committee requested clarification regarding the scope of the proposed renaming. CESHS provided the following statement:

*"The intent is to change only the program Educational Psychology to Educational Psychology & Methodology—the degree name would stay the same, and the department name would remain the same, Kinesiology and Educational Psychology."*

The department chair and the dean of the college support this proposal. We judge the proposal ready for the Senate review process.