

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Tariq Akmal, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 

DATE: November 24, 2025

RE: Requested changes to degree plans

Summary of Proposed Changes – College of Education, Sport, and Human Science

1. Special Education – Teaching Endorsement Plan Addition

Action: Add new academic plans to distinguish a Teaching Endorsement track within the existing Ed.M. in Special Education program.

Campuses Affected: Global, Pullman, Vancouver

Campus	Existing Plan	New Plan to Add
Global	D7615_0010 (Special Education)	D7615_0015 (Special Education - Teaching Endorsement)
Pullman	P7615_0010 (Special Education)	P7615_0015 (Special Education - Teaching Endorsement)
Vancouver	V7615_0010 (Special Education)	V7615_0015 (Special Education - Teaching Endorsement)

Display: The "Teaching Endorsement" designation will appear on the student transcript only. The diploma and degree title will read "Special Education" (identical to the existing plan).

Rationale

We are requesting a new graduate subplan specialization in Special Education to accommodate the addition of teaching endorsement courses that already exist within the program. This enables us to add courses to the degree requirements into myWSU.

Because we are not changing curriculum or adding any new course requirements, this does not affect faculty load, program delivery, or have a financial impact. This request is simply to allow us to update myWSU to reflect current practice and to help students navigate their degrees and improve faculty advising.

This change has been reviewed and approved by program faculty. Because this is a "behind the scenes" change, student experience will not be affected, nor will requirements be changed. This change will improve the student and faculty experience through providing more clarity in system display, program expectations, and degree planning.

2. Educational Leadership Administrative Credential – Program Restructure

Action: Rename existing plans and create new plans to replace the current "Administrator's Credential" designation with two distinct certificate programs.

Campuses Affected: Global, Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver

Rename Existing Program (D, P, S, T, V9996_0005):

The current program name "Administrator's Credential" will be changed to "Principal or Program Administrator Certificate" for all existing _0005 plans:

Campus	Plan Code	New Program Name
Global	D9996_0005	Principal or Program Administrator Certificate
Pullman	P9996_0005	Principal or Program Administrator Certificate
Spokane	S9996_0005	Principal or Program Administrator Certificate
Tri-Cities	T9996_0005	Principal or Program Administrator Certificate
Vancouver	V9996_0005	Principal or Program Administrator Certificate

Create New Plans (D, P, S, T, V9996_0010):

Campus	Plan Code	Program Name
Global	D9996_0010	Superintendent Certificate
Pullman	P9996_0010	Superintendent Certificate
Spokane	S9996_0010	Superintendent Certificate
Tri-Cities	T9996_0010	Superintendent Certificate
Vancouver	V9996_0010	Superintendent Certificate

Rationale

We are requesting a new graduate subplan specialization in Educational Leadership to distinguish two separate areas within administrative credentials to improve student tracking of progress through courses that already exist within the program. This enables us to add courses to the degree requirements into myWSU.



Because we are not changing curriculum or adding any new course requirements, this does not affect faculty load, program delivery, or have a financial impact. This request is simply to allow us to update myWSU to reflect current practice and to help students navigate their program improve faculty advising, as well as help us track student progress for state accreditation requirements.

This change has been reviewed and approved by program faculty. Because this is a "behind the scenes" change, student experience will not be affected, nor will requirements be changed. This change will improve the student and faculty experience through providing more clarity in system display, program expectations, and degree planning. It will also allow us to more accurately report data to the state for program assessment and accreditation purposes.

3. Language, Literacy, and Technology – Non-Thesis Master of Arts

Action: Add a non-thesis plan option within the existing MA in Language, Literacy, and Technology program.

Campus Affected: Pullman

Plan Code	Description
P6815_0005	MA Language, Literacy, and Technology (Thesis) – <i>existing</i>
P6815_0010	MA Language, Literacy, and Technology (Non-Thesis) – <i>new</i>

Rationale

When a master's degree is approved, the Graduate School typically creates both a thesis and non-thesis option in myWSU. This allows programs autonomy to admit students to either or both options. When the MA in Language, Literacy, and Technology was created, the non-thesis option was not established. This request corrects that oversight.