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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **SPED 531: Overview of Special Education: Policies/Practices** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  | **SPED 531: Universal design for educating all students** |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: revision**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Marie Lynch** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Special Education** |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | The purpose of this proposal is to offer key changes in teacher preparation for the general educator. In response to the RI Department of Education’s program approval report, all FSEHD undergraduate teacher prep programs were asked to redesign their programs and course offerings. Thus, the Department of Special Education was charged with offering additional coursework to better prepare general educators for the social, emotional, and learning diversity inherent in all classrooms. This course serves as the initial course in a two-course sequence (with SPED533) focused on policies/procedures in special education. Enrollment in a specific (non-special education) teaching program will be required.  |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | Positive impact is expected with core knowledge and readiness for the field. |
| A.6. Impact on other programs | FSEHD Masters of Arts (M.A.T.) Teacher Preparation Programs: Elementary Education, Educational Studies (Secondary Education), Art, Music, World Languages |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*:  | There may be a need to hire faculty to help with the additional coursework in all non-special education teacher prep programs. |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | This course is similar to other introductory courses. Thus, no additional library resources are anticipated. |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | This course is similar to other introductory courses. Thus, no additional technological resources are anticipated. |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **n/a** |
|  | Promotion/ Marketing needs  |  |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Summer 2019** | A.9. Rationale if sooner than next fall | SPED 531 is part of the M.A.T. in Elementary Education and is only offered in Summer Session I only.  |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if):

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions) – list only information that is being revised) | New |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **SPED 531** | **SPED 531** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **Universal Design for Educating All Students** | **Overview of Special Education: Policies/Practices** |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  | Principles/practices of universal design for teaching, learning, and assessment are provided. | Review of special education policies/practices will be addressed.  General educators will explore teaching strategies, legal/ethical implications, while learning the impact of biases on students/families with exceptionalities in educational settings. |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | Graduate status, [ELED 500](http://ric.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2018-2019/Catalog/Courses/ELED-Elementary-Education/500/ELED-500) and [SED 406](http://ric.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2018-2019/Catalog/Courses/SED-Secondary-Education/400/SED-406), or [ARTE 505](http://ric.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2018-2019/Catalog/Courses/ARTE-Art-Education/500/ARTE-505), or consent of department chair. | Admission to and retention in a graduate program, or consent of department chair. |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) | **Fall | Spring | Summer |** | **Fall | Spring | Summer |** |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  | **3** | **3** |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) | **3** | **3** |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |  |
| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  | **Letter grade**  | **Letter grade**  |
| B.11. [Instructional methods](#instr_methods) | **Fieldwork | Lecture | | Small group | Individual |** | **Fieldwork | Lecture | | Small group | Individual**  |
| B.12.[Categories](#required) | **Required for program |Restricted elective for program | Required for Certification**  | **Required for program |Restricted elective for program | Required for Certification** |
| B.13. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance) | **Attendance | Class participation | Exams | Presentations | Papers |** **Class Work | Quizzes |****| Projects |** | **Attendance | Class participation | Exams | Presentations | Papers |** **Class Work | Quizzes |****| Projects |** |
| B.14. [Redundancy with, existing courses](#competing) | **n/a** |  |
| B. 15. Other changes, if any |  |

| B.16**.** [**Course learning outcomes**](#outcomes)**: List each outcome in a separate row** | [**Professional organization standard(s)**](#standards)**, if relevant**  | [**How will the outcome be measured?**](#measured) |
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| 1. TCs will understand the characteristics associated with specific disabilities, and how those disabilities may impact learning, development, and instruction. | CEC3 CurricularContent Knowledge; RIPTS 2 | *In class/online activities; quizzes/exams* |
| 2. TCs will understand legal factors that impact educational services for students with disabilities, including the core principles of ESSA, IDEA (e.g. Free & Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), and individualized education). | CEC3 Curricular Content Knowledge; CEC6: Professional Learning & Practice; RIPTS 2 | *In class/online activities; quizzes/exams* |
| 3. TCs will understand special education practices and processes including Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) practices, referral, evaluation, IEP development and review, implementation, and progress monitoring. | CEC1: Learner Development & Individual Learning Differences; CEC2: Learning Environments; CEC5: Instructional Planning & Strategies; RIPTS 6 | *In class/online activities; quizzes/exams* |
| 4. TCs will understand the role of service providers from various disciplines and the importance of transdisciplinary collaboration in the education of students with disabilities. | CEC1: Learner Development & Individual Learning Differences; CEC2: Learning Environments; CEC5: Instructional Planning & Strategies; RIPTS 3 | *Differentiated Lesson* |
| 5. TCs will analyze evidence-based practices designed to enhance learning for all students with exceptionalities with a focus on Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) practices, social-emotional learning and cultural/linguistic responsiveness. | CEC1: Learner Development & Individual Learning Differences; CEC2: Learning Environments; CEC5: Instructional Planning & Strategies; RIPTS 4 | *Differentiated Lesson; In class/online activities; quizzes/exams* |
| 6. TCs will identify family roles and explore the impact of disability on different members of families of children with disabilities. | CEC1: Learner Development & Individual Learning Differences; CEC2: Learning Environments; CEC5: Instructional Planning & Strategies; RIPTS 6 | *In class/online activities; quizzes/exams* |
| 7. TCs will study ways to foster and support collaborative relationships with families, including culturally and linguistically diverse families, to promote student learning. | CEC6: Professional Learning & Practice; CEC7: Collaboration; RIPTS 7 | *Family Interview; In class/online activities* |
| 8. TCs will explore cultural competency/ diversity and reflect on and identify personal and systemic biases that influence special education practices. | CEC6: Professional Learning & Practice; CEC7: Collaboration; RIPTS 7 | *Family Interview; In class/online activities* |
| 9. TCs will explore normative and assistive technologies to enhance the engagement and participation of all learners, esp. students with exceptionalities. | CEC6: Professional Learning & Practice; CEC7: Collaboration; RIPTS 7 | *Technology Share, in class activities* |

| B.17. [**Topical outline**](#outline)**:**  |
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| 1. *What is Special Education?*
	1. Introduction to Special Education
	2. Legal Aspects
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| 1. *Processes/procedures*
	1. Eligibility Determination
	2. Referral, Evaluation, and IEP Development
	3. Issues in identification
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| 1. *Characteristics of Disabilities*
	1. High/Low Incidence
	2. Common assumptions
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| 1. *Collaboration*
	1. Co teaching; teaming
	2. Building Parent-teacher relationships
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| 1. *Differentiation*
	1. Meeting all learners’ academic needs
	2. Accommodations/modifications/Adaptations
	3. Blended/Personalized Learning
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| 1. *Social Emotional Learning*
	1. Meeting all learners’ social/emotional needs
	2. MTSS/Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports/Functional Behavioral Assessment
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| 1. *Assessment Practices*
	1. Data driven instruction
	2. Types of assessments (formal vs informal)
	3. Response to Intervention/MTSS
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| 1. *Cultural Competence Overview*
	1. Diversity in the classroom
	2. Understanding students and our own backgrounds
	3. Biases/limitations; over & under identification
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| 1. *Technology*
	1. Assistive & Normative technologies
	2. Implementing technology in the classroom to support all students
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| **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CATALOG COPY**: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the Graduate Committee website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits.  |

## D. Signatures

* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs).
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to graduatecommittee@ric.edu and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of Graduate Committee. Check Graduate Committee website for due dates.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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