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Dr. Rosalyn A. Templeton
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Dear Provost Templeton:

This is in reply to your correspondence of July 11, 2011, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for changes in title, course codes, course descriptions, and curriculum delivery in the existing Master of Science degree program in Education in Learning Development. Specifically, the renumbering of the program's courses from 600-level to 500-level is to comply with the Board of Regents policy for master's level courses. In addition, course titles and the program's course descriptions were revised to reflect professional standards of the Montana's Office of Public Instruction Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards (PEPPS) and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Finally, program delivery has been modified to an online-hybrid delivery model with a weekend residency requirement and regular semester residency meetings.

The Commission has reviewed and approved the revision of this degree program as a *minor change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the revised Master of Science degree program in Education in Learning Development is now included under the accreditation of Montana State University – Northern.

Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of the developments and initiatives at Montana State University – Northern. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Goad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela Goad
Vice President

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cc: Dr. Joseph Callahan, Interim Chancellor
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU



