PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

UNIVERSITY: University of Florida

PROGRAM NAME: Mental Health Counseling

DEGREE LEVEL(S): PhD and Ed.D (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc) CIP CODE: 51.1508

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE: September 1, 2013
(While the students will be accepted into program)

ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT DATE: May 15, 2015
(While the data will be submitted for this program)

This is the form to be used for university requests to terminate doctoral degree programs and is recommended for use when terminating other programs. The request should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for approval. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master’s degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012 (3), with notification sent to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT in approving termination.

1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.

   The doctoral program (PhD and EdD) in Mental Health Counseling is no longer needed as a separate degree since it will be subsumed under an existing degree program (CIP 13.1101) to be renamed “Counseling and Counselor Education.” As a result of the UF/BOG Program Review and the Doctoral Program Improvement Plans, as well as the relatively small enrollments in the program, the faculty determined that multiple doctoral majors within the counselor education area should be streamlined into one major. The plan is to keep the major with the broadest scope and terminate the other two doctoral majors in this area. The faculty will request an official concentration in Mental Health Counseling in the streamlined major so students can declare an area of specialty under the one remaining major. Also, the proposed action aligns with how the faculty conceptualize doctoral education in their discipline and is consistent with national accreditation standards established by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

3. Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.

   The doctoral program in Mental Health Counseling has been offered at the University of Florida in the School of Human Development and Organizational Studies in Education. The proposed termination will have no impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, or allocation of resources since existing students can complete this major and new admits beginning Fall 2013 will be channeled into an existing degree program (CIP 13.1101) to be renamed “Counseling and Counselor Education” with a concentration in Mental Health Counseling.
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4. Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?

Students who are currently active in the program have been notified by way of listserv and program advisors that the degree program will be terminated. Current students are encouraged to complete the current program by May 2015 or move into another degree program (CIP 13.1101) that will continue as "Counseling and Counselor Education" with concentrations in several areas, including Mental Health Counseling. Current students have the option of continuing in the major being terminated. All students currently in the pipeline are expected to complete the degree by May 2015, so no adverse effect is anticipated. Beginning with Fall 2013, new students with interest in mental health counseling are being admitted to the more general counselor education doctoral major.

5. Provide data (and cite source) on the gender and racial distribution of students and faculty. For faculty also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.

According to the Office of the University Registrar, there are 2 total students registered for the PhD program in Mental Health Counseling as of Fall 2012: 2 students are White (1 male, 1 female). There are no (zero) students in the EdD program.

No faculty will be adversely affected since all teach in other degree programs across the department and will continue to teach in the existing degree program (CIP 13.1101) to be renamed "Counseling and Counselor Education" with concentrations in Marriage and Family Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, or School Counseling and Guidance. The faculty affected by this change are Harry Daniels -- Professor; Ellen Amatea -- Professor; Sondra Smith -- Associate Professor; Silvia Echevarria-Dean -- Associate Professor; Jacqueline Swank -- Assistant Professor; and Kristina DePue -- Assistant Professor. The racial composition of the faculty includes 5 Caucasians, and 1 Latina/o. The gender composition of the faculty is 1 male and 5 females.

6. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students.

There is no anticipated negative impact on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students since both faculty and students involved in the program being terminated will be merged into an existing degree program.
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Signature of Requestor/Initiator

Date

Signature of Campus EO Officer

Date

Signature of College Dean

Date

Signature of Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

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