



**Request of departmental name change:**

**Department of Counseling and Family Therapy TO Department of Counselor Education and Family Therapy**

Rationale: The rationale for the proposed departmental name change is to meet accreditation standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This name change accurately reflects the work of the department and distinguishes this academic department from the student services department of Counseling and Wellness. Additionally, the department historically was titled counselor education. The mission of the department is the education of counselors and family therapists. We wish to clearly communicate to students, potential students, colleagues, and administrators that the Department mission is education. Currently, it is not obvious to potential students who may have to search various webpages to find the counselor education program. In summary, by changing the name of the department, it will align the department with national accreditation standards and accurately define the mission of the department.

There will be no impact on curriculum or budget.