

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

Darden College of Education and Professional Studies

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**MEMORANDUM**

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Date: March 11, 2024

To: Dr. Austin Agho, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Dr. Tammi Dice, Dean, Darden College of Education and Professional Studies 

Cc: Dr. Brian Payne, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Jamie Colwell, Department Chairperson, Teaching and Learning Dept.

Re: Program Closure

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In line with our continuous improvement efforts, degree programs have been updated to better reflect the needs of employers hiring our graduates. As part of these programmatic changes, we no longer require the Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Early Childhood Education, Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd Grade degree as students can now earn a BSEd in Elementary Education, Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade. This degree is more appropriate for our students and workforce as it includes early childhood preparation, allows for expanded job opportunities, and typically results in higher paying positions.

After detailed discussions by curricula committees, program faculty, and program directors, the recommendation has been made to close the BSEd in Early Childhood Education, Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd Grade degree. This change will have no impact on faculty. I support the recommendation to close the program.

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