GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Graduate Course Inventory Form
(Prepare and forward with your course proposal to the Graduate Council)

Local Unit: Graduate School of Education
Course Abbrev.: EDCD

Full Course Title: Group Processes and Analyses
Abbrev. Course Title (max. 24 Characters): no change

Credit Hours:
currently 3;
requesting 4

Program of Record: Counseling and Development, GSE

Submitted by: Fred Bemak
Date: January 30, 2003

Repeatable for Credit? N D=Yes, not within same term Up to _____ hours
T=Yes, within the same term Up to _____ hours
N=Cannot be repeated for credit

Activity Code: _____ LEC - Lecture, _____ LAB - Lab, _____ RCT - Recitation,
_____ STU - Studio, _____ IND - Independent Study, _____ INT - Internship

Catalog Credit Format: 4 : 3 : 1 Course Level: GF (500-600) GA (700+)

Grade Type: _____ GR: graduate grading, normal (A, A-, B+, B, C, F, IN, AB)

Maximum Enrollment:
Submit for New courses - First term to be offered: ____________
Prerequisites: no change
Corequisites: no change

Catalog Description for the course proposal (35 words or less): no change

Submit for Modified or Deleted courses as appropriate: effective: 03F
Last Term Offered 03D Previous Course Abbreviation same Previous Number same

Description of modification:
The Counseling and Development (C&D) Program is proposing to increase one course, EDCD 608 Group Processes/Analyses, from 3 credits to 4 credits. Given the number of credits for graduation in the program and the competitive market with other counseling graduate programs, it is recommended that the program does not increase its total graduation credit count by one credit (the credit added to EDCD 608), but rather maintain the current set amount of program credits required for graduation. Therefore, it is recommended that both the concentration areas in the C&D Program (School Counseling and Community Agency Counseling) reduce the required electives for graduation from the current 3-credit designation to 2 credits. The C&D Program currently offers 3-credit electives, but will also be offering 1 credit electives in specialty areas so that 2 credits is feasible as an elective number of courses. In addition, the Community Agency Counseling students must have an additional 7 credits beyond their Masters degree in order to be considered for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor, resulting in many of them taking additional courses towards licensure eligibility. Subsequently this one credit differential will have minimal effect on their longer-term goals of becoming licensed.

Approval Signatures:
Dept/Prog: fred bemak Date: 1/30/03
College Committee: Date:
Graduate Council Representative: Date:
Catalog description of course:
Departmental code or prefix, number, title of course and credit hours; prerequisites; and description of course as it will appear in the catalog. Note that course descriptions are limited to approximately 35 words in the Graduate Catalog.

EDCD 608 Group Processes and Analyses (currently 3:3:0) (request 4:3:1) Prerequisites: Admission to the counseling and development program; EDCD 603 or 605. Presents theories appropriate to various types of groups and descriptions of group practices, methods, dynamics, and facilitative skills. Focuses on application of theory to practice. A lab is included.

For course modifications, describe the changes made to the course and justification for those changes:

This core required course in the Counseling and Development Program currently has a laboratory component (in accordance with standards of training for group work as defined by the Association for Specialists in Group Work). The lab involves an additional 1 hour and 20 minutes of class time beyond the 2 hour and 40 minute class time. The lab is a requirement for all students taking EDCD 608, and requires additional class time for every student in the program.

In accordance with the additional time designated for this course it is proposed that the course change from a 3-credit to a 4-credit class. This will provide consistency with the requirements for the class, student contact time that is not optional, and result in additional income for GSE.

Approval from other units:
Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by these changes in the course. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate council for approval.

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Graduate Council approval: __________________________________________

Graduate Council representative: ______________________________________ Date: ________

Attach copy of school/college/institute course proposal form or modification memo showing approval date and background data on course.