GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Graduate Council MODIFIED/DELETED Certificate, Concentration, Track, or Degree Program Coordination/Approval Form

(Please complete this form and attach any related materials. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council Meeting. If no coordination with other units is required, simply indicate “None” on the form.

Title of Program/Certificate, etc: Concentration in Applied Developmental Psychology

Level (Masters/Ph.D.): Master’s in Psychology

Please Indicate:______ Program ______ Certificate ___X____ Concentration _______ Track

Description of the change in the certificate, concentration or degree program:

PSYC 648 is a new Developmental content course. Adding it to the specialized content menu increases student options for satisfying this requirement.

Adding two credits of professional seminar and 4 credits of research/practicum experience to this MA concentration is designed to strengthen students’ professional and research skills in order to make them more competitive in the job market. Many students in this concentration already do a practicum or thesis, so this change is primarily formalizing a requirement that has been implicit for some time.

Reducing the number of credit hours of electives to 3 keeps the number of hours required for the degree at 32.

Approval from other units: NONE

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by these. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

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Submitted by: ____________________________ Email: __________

Graduate Council approval: ____________________________ Date: __________
MA in Applied Developmental Psychology
Proposed Curriculum

Six credits of core: from cognitive (PSYC 701, 766, 768), biological (PSYC 702, 558, 559), or social (PSYC 703, 667, 668)

Eight credits of quantitative methods: PSYC 611, 612

Nine credits of specialized content: from PSYC 592 (with Developmental content), 648, 666, 669, 704, or 780

Four credits of research/practicum experience: from thesis (4 credits of a combination of 798/799) or practicum/directed reading & research (3 credits of 792 & 1 credit of 597)

Two credits of professional seminar (PSYC 890 in Fall semester of first year)

Three credits of electives (content course, practicum, or directed reading & research)