

## ASSESSMENT WEBSITE INFORMATION

**College: Education**

**Degree Program: Early Childhood BSE**

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### **DATA SAY:**

Students are required to pass the Praxis II Content Area test to be approved for licensure. Our students perform well on this test overall with a 99% pass rate for 2010-2011. The mean scores (from the 2010-2011 data provided by the Professional Education Programs Office) for the content area subtests are: Language and Literacy (75%), Mathematics (75%), Social Studies (84%), Science (78%), Health/PE (76%), Creative/Performing Arts (88%).

### **SO WHAT:**

When the program was required to cut courses to meet the 120-hour mandate from the Legislature, the program needed to identify courses that could be cut. This was especially important, as an additional mandate required us to add courses and hours not already in the program. Praxis II Content Exam results were considered when determining courses to cut.

### **HOW WE CHANGED:**

Because students have performed as well or better, for the most part, on the Content Knowledge Sub Categories on the Health/PE and Creative Arts than in the core content areas, and given the move toward academic requirements with the Common Core State Standards, it was determined that the following courses would be deleted from the program to meet the required reduction in hours: MUED 3612, PE 3802, and ART 3702. The program will monitor candidate performance on the Praxis exams related to this content.

### **WHAT WE GOT:**

We were able to achieve the required reduction in the number of program hours. We will continue to monitor candidate performance in all content areas, not only through the Praxis Content exam, but also through the candidates' performance on the Internship portfolio, that provides an additional (but internal rather than external) assessment of candidate mastery of subject material.

