PROPOSED CHANGES FOR BA in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY POST-BAC COURSES (primarily internship year courses)

Proposed changes would be effective FALL 2013

Course Number -BAC COURSES (prim Drop requirement for additional upper division ENGL course with focus on literature (3 credits) and drop requirement for PSY 101 (3 credits) Total number of credits for BA in Elementary Education would decrease by 2 — from 130 credits to 128 credits Total number of credits that post-bac students would have toward M.Ed. degree, after completion of licensure p

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

Teacher education programs are under a great deal of scrutiny to assure policy makers and the general public that future elementary teachers have sufficient content knowledge and skills in the areas in which they have teaching responsibilities and that they have clearly defined coursework to assure that they also have

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action? Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

Dr. Carol Barnhardt, chair of the Elementary Teacher Education Department, has notified the Psychology Department that BA in Elementary Education students will no longer be required to complete Psychology 101 and she has also notified Dr. Carr, the English Department chair that BAE students will not be required to complete an additional upper division English course. Since Psychology 101 has several sections and very large enrollments, this will not have a major impact on the Psychology department. Since BA in Elem Ed students can enroll in one of several upper division English courses, this action will not have a major impact on any individual course offering in the English Department. The notifications were made in person and confirmed through e-mail.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

This will not have a major impact on the BAE outcomes assessment plan or process. In addition to meeting instructor and program assessments, BAE students must also have passing scores in reading, writing and mathematics on the on the ETS developed Praxis I exam and passing scores in English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science on the Praxis II exam. BA in Elementary Education students at UAF score very well on these external exams.

*** Addition of ED 201 as a pre-requisite to ED/PSY 245 is also being submitted to the Curriculum Review Committee