

TO: **Academic Policies Committee**

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: November 4, 2019

RE: Rename Department

We request implementation of the following program change with the next possible *Catalog*.

Name of Department — Department of Special Education

Date of Department/Program Approval — October 11, 2019

Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – November 1, 2019

Date of CoEHS College Approval – November 1, 2019

**From Current Catalog Web Page:**

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/special-education/>

**To: Rename Department:** Special Education and Inclusive Practices

**Rationale:** The name Special Education is often shortened to SPED, which is pejorative; the proposed department name better represents the inclusive nature of the programs and emphases offered. Further, it is consistent with the philosophy of the Department and more accurately represents the needs of PK-12 teacher preparation. The Department has revised their special education major because of changes in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction legislative rules and will be proposing to rename one of their emphases to align with these legislative changes. As mentioned, the proposed name change of the department will better represent the curricular offerings.