

TO: **Academic Policies Committee**

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: January 1, 2021

RE: Suspension of Minor

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

Name of Program — Learning Disabilities, Minor - Teaching - MC-EA

Program Code — 950-470

Date of Department/Program Approval — 10/05/2020

Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – 11/06/2020

Date of CoEHS College Approval – 12/04/2020

From Current Catalog Web Page:

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/special-education-inclusive-practices/learning-disabilities-minor-mcea/>

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Rationale: Due to changes in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction legislative rules for teacher education, we will no longer be offering certifiable minors. DPI has created a new license titled, “Kindergarten through Grade 12 Cross-categorical Special Education.” Students seeking certification in specific learning disabilities will now need to pursue a degree in special education that prepares them for cross-categorical – intellectual, emotional-behavioral, specific learning, or other disabilities. The department is suspending this minor rather than eliminating it in case the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction changes course and revises the certification rules again in K-12 Special Education.