

**TO:** Academic Policies Committee

**FROM:** College of Education and Human Sciences

**DATE:** January 1, 2021

**RE:** Suspension of Certificate

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

Name of Program — Intellectual Disabilities (ID) 1-12, Certificate

Program Code — 950-603

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/intellectual-disabilities-certificate/>

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**Rationale:** Content is being incorporated into the new Special Education, Unified Special Education K-12 & Elementary/Middle, Comprehensive Major. Students will no longer need to pursue this specific certification because the new major prepares students to teach cross-categorical – intellectual, emotional-behavioral, specific learning, or other disabilities. Students currently pursuing this certificate will be able to complete the certificate. 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.