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The College of Liberal Studies, with the support of Provost/Vice-Chancellor Kathleen Enz Finken and School of Education Director Margaret Finders, would like to apply for approval to close the Department of Educational Studies (DES) graduate programs in Reading and ME-PD Professional Development Non-Certification due to the fact that they are not currently viable programs. Our intent will be to strengthen the DES graduate programs in Special Education and ME-PD Initial Certification and Learning Communities in order to ensure that we can fulfill all program requirements in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

### The Programs

The Graduate Reading Program includes three concentrations. Approval of this request would close all three concentrations:

1. Concentration I meets the requirements for Wisconsin's DPI 316 Reading Teacher license.
2. Concentration II meets the requirements for Wisconsin's DPI 317 Reading Specialist license.
3. Concentration III is designed for classroom teachers uninterested in 316/317 licensure but desiring greater expertise in developing literacy skills.

The Master of Education - Professional Development offers three options. Approval of this request would close only the ME-PD Non-Certification option:

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