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ASSESSMENT PLAN/REPORT FOR

Early Childhood Education – Tampa
(Academic Degree Program and Campus)

Ph.D.
(Degree Level)

2002-2003
(Assessment Period Covered)

Summer, 2004
(Date Submitted)

Planning Instructions:

1. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will demonstrate knowledge of teacher education and content appropriate in the major elementary education areas.

2. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will acquire a knowledge base that will enable him/her to be a consumer of research of various methods and topics.

3. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will be capable of conducting substantive research studies in their field.
Student Learning Outcome #1

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

1. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will demonstrate knowledge of teacher education and content appropriate in the major elementary education areas.

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Means of Assessment #1:
Qualifying Examination

Criteria for Success:
80% or more of the examinees will earn an overall rating of “Satisfactory” or “Pass” on their first attempt at their qualifying exam. Each student’s doctoral committee will evaluate their qualifying examination responses.
NOTE: Students must pass the qualifying examination to graduate.

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Findings:

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Use of Results:
The 80% criteria were successfully met.
Student Learning Outcome #2

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

2. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will acquire a knowledge base that will enable him/her to be a consumer of research of various methods and topics.

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Means of Assessment #2:
Chapter 2 of the dissertation

Criteria for Success:
95% or more of the Doctoral students will successfully complete the second chapter of their dissertation. This chapter is a literature review incorporating critical analysis of reviewed research.

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Findings:
One (1) student successfully completed and defended their dissertation proposal, resulting in a 100% success rate.

Use of Results:
The criteria for success were met. The department will continue to collect this data. No changes are indicated at this time.
Student Learning Outcome #3

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

| 4. 3. Students completing the Doctoral Program in Early Childhood Education will be capable of conducting substantive research studies in their field. |

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| Means of Assessment: |
| Dissertation |

| Criteria for Success: |
| 90% or more of the Doctoral students will successfully complete and defend their dissertation. |

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| Findings: |
| One (1) student successfully completed and defended their dissertation, resulting in a 100% success rate. |

| Use of Results: |
| The criteria for success were met. However, the department is concerned about formalizing a mentoring process for doctoral students. A task force has built an initiative, in line with a Research I University, to provide research mentorship for each doctoral student. The department will continue to collect data this academic year on the impact of the mentoring program. |