February 10, 2016

Proposal to Change Admission Requirements for MS and Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Programs:

- **Rationale:** The Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) publishes the pass rates publicly on the organization’s webpage by program (i.e., University name). These rates are only published once a program has been established for a designated period of time and has a certain number of students taking the exam at the same time. As a new and growing program, WCSU pass rates have not yet been published based on these criteria. Based on the data from mock certification exams as well as an online preparation program that the students complete as a companion resource to courses in the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program, WCSU students’ scores are below the average and therefore at risk for failing the certification exam. Therefore, it is important to modify the admission requirements to the MS Applied Behavior Analysis to be more stringent. This will enable this new and growing program at WCSU to ensure that it admits students into the program that will be successful and therefore establishing a reputable pass rate on the certification exam, attracting more students, and ensuring the success of the MS Applied Behavior Analysis program at WCSU.

- A motion was made at the February 10, 2016 Education and Educational Psychology Program meeting as follows:

  **MOTION:** Any student accepted into the ABA MS degree and certification program would be required to take the GRE or MAT with an acceptable score, and have a 3.0 GPA for admission. Moved by Dr. Daria, second by Dr. Campbell, and passes unanimously.

- **Current admission requirements:**

  1. Application for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies and a $50 application fee. Link to application: [http://www.wcsu.edu/graduate/application.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/graduate/application.asp)
  2. Applicants for the M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
  3. One official transcript mailed to the Division of Graduate Studies office from each college or university previously attended, including all earned grades and degree.
  4. Applicant’s cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) must be at least a 2.8 for admission into program.

- **Proposed revised admission requirements:**

  1. Application for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies and a $50 application fee. Link to application: [http://www.wcsu.edu/graduate/application.asp](http://www.wcsu.edu/graduate/application.asp)
  2. Applicants for the M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
3. One official transcript mailed to the Division of Graduate Studies office from each college or university previously attended, including all earned grades and degree.

4. Applicant’s cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) must be at least a 3.0 for admission into program.

5. APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT MAT OR GRE SCORES FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM.