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Section I: Request

The Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, requests discontinuation of the EdS in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

The EdS was an intermediary degree between a MS and doctoral degree for individuals in the specialization of audiology. Since the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) is now the entry-level degree nationally, the EdS is obsolete.

Section II: Need

While the EdS has been on the books for many years, there are no students in the program nor have there been in over 15 years. We would like to remove this degree since it is no longer a recognized degree in audiology within the field of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposed change will have no effect on enrollment since the AuD, a clinical doctorate which surpasses the EdS in academic achievement, is entry-level for audiologists. We have no affiliations with other departments or programs that would be affected by the removal of the EdS Degree in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. No change in faculty, staff, physical facilities or equipment would occur. This is primarily an administrative change.

Section IV: Finances

This will have no financial cost or benefit.