

## **Proposal for the IU School of Education High Ability License Addition Program**

### **Rationale:**

The School of Education at Indiana University in Bloomington offers a 12 credit hour High Ability License Addition Program as a revision of the 15 credit hour Gifted and Talented Endorsement Program (GATE). This is in compliance with the High Ability License (HAL) offered by the Indiana Department of Education. The proposed High Ability License Addition Program is not a new program, but a revision of the existing GATE endorsement program to a license program.

There are three other universities in Indiana that offer High Ability License Additions. The two other foremost programs in Indiana, at Purdue and Ball State, offer 12 credit hours of on-line gifted and talented education course work for a High Ability License Addition. Indiana State University offers a 9 credit hour on-line program for their High Ability License Addition.

The Indiana University High Ability License Addition program, which will meet partially on campus and partially on-line, aligns with the needs many students and their desires to be on campus and take courses with other students. Each course meets on campus for one intensive week (30 hours) of interactive instruction followed by an on-line (15 hours) completion of course requirements. This instructional delivery method is academically efficient, and permits peer-to-peer stimulation and feedback that we believe contributes to high-quality teacher education, while also increasing opportunities for in-service teachers to access the program. Although our proposed program is unique in Indiana in offering advantages of peer-to-peer interactions, revising the number of credit hours required from 15 to 12, further increases the attractiveness of the program as an add-on option that is accessible, of high quality, and competitive with the 12 credit programs offered at other Indiana colleges.

The following four courses are proposed as a sequence, two courses of which will be offered each alternating summer. The Indiana Department of Education and the IU School of Education sanctioned the GATE Endorsement Program. We are not proposing to offer a new program, but to integrate the GATE five-course sequence into a four-course sequence for a High Ability License Addition. The content of the four courses have been combined and revised to reflect current educational practices in gifted education. No major content has been eliminated or changed to compromise the integrity of the course work related to the new High Ability License. Additionally, none of the course numbers used in the past have been eliminated, but may continue to be used by other programs to fulfill requirements of their programs. All titles and descriptions relative only to the High Ability License Addition program have been changed except in one instance where a course description was not altered.

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### **Required Courses for a revised IU High Ability License Addition:**

- W551: Educational Foundations for High Ability Students
- W552: Curriculum and Instruction for High Ability Students
- Z510: Creativity for High Ability Students
- W595: Practicum for High Ability Students

