

## Graduate Studies Committee Template

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**Title:** Changes in Admissions Requirement for the Ed.D. and Ed.S. in Educational Leadership

**GSC presenter:** Janet Decker

**This proposal is for a...**

- program change     new program     policy change     new policy

**Include responses to each question, as relevant:**

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

The Educational Leadership Faculty requests two changes to the admissions requirements for the Ed.D. and Ed.S. in Educational Leadership:

- The Educational Leadership faculty wishes to **eliminate the GRE as an admissions requirement for the Ed.D. and Ed.S. in Educational Leadership**. This requirement has been increasingly waived by the program's admissions committee. This change aligns the program requirements to current practice.
- The Educational Leadership faculty wishes **to add a required writing sample to the admissions requirements for the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership**. This requirement reflects the program faculty's belief that evidence of effective written communication is a significant predictor for success in the Ed.D. program.

2. How will this impact enrollment?

- The program anticipates that elimination of this requirement will increase program enrollment. Students who have declined to pursue their studies at IUB often cite the GRE as one of the barriers to their admission.

3. How will this impact students' time to degree?

- The change will have no effect on their time to degree.

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4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues?

- The elimination of the GRE should enhance recruitment efforts, particularly for students of color. Research shows this measure often adversely impacts students of color and disincentives their participation in graduate degree programs.

5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?

- It will not affect School of Education resources or faculty loads.

6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?

- This is a minor program change and so raises no sustainability issues.

7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., “*12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained*”)

### Vote 1. Eliminate GRE Requirement

Yes	15
No	1
Abstained	2

### Vote 2. Add Writing Sample

Yes	15
No	0
Abstained	3