Elementary Education Program Changes Approved by the Council on Teacher Education – 2014-2015

The Council approved the following program changes:

Elementary Education increased their math requirements to meet Common Core standards and Utah State Office of Education licensing standards

- MATH 2010 – Algebraic Thinking and Number Sense for ELED Teachers (New Course)
- MATH 2010 – Euclidean Geometry & Statistics for ELED Teachers (Title Change and Description Change)

Policy Changes Affecting Elementary Education Students

The Council approved the following policy changes:

- The Speech and Hearing test (required for admission into Teacher Education) fee will be reduced from $10 to $5 and students will now be assessed a $5 writing exam fee.
- New Teacher Education Writing Exam (required for admission into Teacher Education):
  - Students will be given a choice of writing a descriptive essay or a persuasive letter.
  - Twenty-eight new prompts have been developed to reduce any language bias for ethnically diverse students and students whose first language is not English.
  - The test administration time has been increased to two hours.
  - The grading rubric is based on the six-traits of writing (development and
elaboration of ideas, logical organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency, and conventions).

- A student must receive a minimum score of 24/36 to pass.
- Students are assessed a $5 fee to compensate the cost of scoring their exam.
- All essays are read by a minimum of two trained scorers. If there is a disagreement with the two scorers, the essay will receive a third read.
- New videos have been completed by the Writing Center and are available online to assist students in taking and passing the writing exam.

- Elementary Education majors are required to receive a minimum grade of B- in each of the required ELED courses.

- Dual Language Immersion Student Teaching: If possible, the student teacher will be placed in one school that will provide student teaching experiences in the major, minor, and DLI. If not possible, the student teacher will be placed in one school for the major and minor but the experience will be shortened by three weeks. The DLI placement will occur during the last three weeks of the student teaching experience.

The Utah State Board of Education approved the following changes:

- Internships: Employed by LEA for one full school year

- Teacher Education Candidates must:
  - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at admission and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be recommended for licensing
  - Receive a C or better in all education related and major content courses

- Teacher Education programs may substitute the Praxis II content knowledge tests or the Praxis CORE test for the basic skills test requirement (ACT or SAT)
Elementary Education majors will now be required to take the ETS Praxis Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Test 5001 beginning September 1, 2014