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NOTIFICATION FORWARD:

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Dean of The Graduate School

October 7, 1998

To: Dr. Laretta Reeves, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

Subject: Request for a Name Change for the group of certificate programs currently called Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificates

1. Details:

a. The name change requested is

From: Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificate programs

To: **Certificate of Graduate Study** (where the prerequisite level of work required is the achievement of the bachelor's degree) **and**
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (where the prerequisite level of work required is the achievement of the Master's degree in a related field as specified in each CAG)

b. Sponsors are:

- Dr. Marion Rilling, Professor and Dean of The Graduate School
- Graduate Council
- Dr. Louis Molinari, Program Advisor of the three current Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificates (Elementary/Early Childhood Education Department)

2. Rationale

a. During the past 20-25 years, Rowan's variety of graduate degree programs and offerings have grown in response to increased needs for graduate study in the region. However, there has always been recognition of the potential for that kind of advanced study that may not necessarily lead to a graduate degree or be focused on the coursework as organized in a graduate degree program. For example, the need for graduate certificate programs was recognized at Glassboro/Rowan 15-20 years ago when, over a period of several years, three Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs were created:

1. Computers in Education
2. Elementary School Mathematics
3. Elementary School Language Arts

The current name for these types of programs, Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificate, originated many years ago at the time of the development of the first

certificate program. In an attempt to “streamline” the name of these types of programs and to better communicate to constituents of all of our Academic Colleges, a more succinct, direct and clearer generic name is proposed: Certificate of Graduate Study (COG) or Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAG).

The division into two categories of certificate programs is requested to meet the differing needs for professional development and/or updating of professional knowledge and skills. For example, some groups of professionals, e.g., school psychologists, school principals, etc. already possess Master’s degrees, and the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study is requested to identify their post-Master’s level of work. Other groups appropriately will seek the Certificate of Graduate Study at the post-Baccalaureate level.

b. There is no curricular effect related to this name change, other than that suggested by the division into two levels of certificate programs (post-Bachelor’s and post-Master’s). Future certificate program proposals will need to indicate which level of certificate is being sought. No change in current programmatic requirements for these certificate programs is sought other than the need to indicate the level of graduate study in the proposed new title.

c. Name change requested is

From: Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificate Programs

To: Certificate of Graduate Study (COG) for advanced work for those with a Bachelor’s degree **and** Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAG) for advanced work for those with a Master’s degree.

3. Results of Consultation:

a. Attached is a letter of support for the name change from Dr. Louis Molinari, program advisor for the current three post-baccalaureate certificate programs. (Because of his firm support, Dr. Molinari is a co-sponsor of this proposal.)

b. Also attached is a letter of support from Dr. Carl Calliari, Chair of the Elementary/Early Childhood Education Department that sponsors all three current certificate programs and a letter of confirmation detailing the support from The Graduate Council.

c. Also, support for this proposed name change was voted at the October 13, 1998 meeting of the Graduate Council.



*Department of Curriculum and Instruction:
Elementary/Early Childhood Education*

To: Dr. Laretta Reeves, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

From: Dr. Louis Molinari ^{LM}
Program Advisor
Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificate Programs

Date: October 8, 1998

Re: Name Change Request for the Current Post-Baccalaureate Achievement
Certificates

The name "Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Certificate" has served us well in the past because it communicated the exact nature of the achievement by a graduate student. Most often the graduate student used this certification as proof of post-baccalaureate academic achievement that was less than a full Master's Degree but above undergraduate study.

In recent years many post-master's degree graduate students have returned to the University to continue graduate work but were only able to work for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate. The name of the certificate indicated a level of graduate study which was not consistent with their actual level of achievement. Therefore in an effort to clarify the level of achievement and to specify the exact nature of the certificate, it is requested that the present certificate be divided into two categories to meet the needs of the professional educator namely: the Certificate of Graduate Study, to indicate post-baccalaureate achievement, and the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study indicate achievement beyond the Master's degree. This action will serve to encourage post-master's graduate activity and clarify the level of achievement. This action is in concert with other institutions of higher education.

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*Department of Curriculum and Instruction:
Elementary/Early Childhood Education*

October 12, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the change of the generic certificate program from Post-Baccalaureate Certification Program to Certificate of Graduate Study or Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

As noted, all three of the currently existing model programs are housed in this department and are more accurately described by this new name. None of them required a formal admissions process or testing to enter the program and would easily fit the new College of Graduate Studies format, plus they would be available immediately with no need for additional resources.

I fully support this name change as being more descriptive of what these program packages purport to do.

Respectfully,

Carl L. Calliari, Ed.D.
Chairperson

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October 13, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

On Monday, October 12, 1998, the Graduate Programs, Courses, and Scholarly Activities Committee of Graduate Council reviewed the proposal for the name change to Certificate of Graduate Study and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study. It was unanimously approved and recommended for support to the Graduate Council.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1998, Graduate Council unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Committee and voted to support the name change.