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New Programs and Program Revisions Committee
Graduate College
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Dear Committee Chair and Members:

As Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and Higher Education, I am writing on behalf of department faculty to express support for the proposed graduate certificate of Program Evaluation and Assessment (PEA). The Department of Educational Psychology and Higher Education (EPHE) will serve as the administrative unit responsible for academically and administratively housing the certificate.

The department faculty and administration are excited about the potential of this graduate certificate. We believe that this certificate is unique in combining courses related to program evaluation and assessment that cut across interdisciplinary areas such as education, social services, and health education. We recognize that non-profit social service organizations, K-12 educational institutions, as well as for-profit organizations are required to make informed, data driven decisions about effective and efficient practices, and this certificate is designed to inform the certificate participants in these best practices. The faculty and administration of EPHE highly support the efforts on the part of Dr. Marchand for bringing this certificate to fruition.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support, and I hope that you will find the value in accepting the proposal for this certificate program. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LeAnn G. Putney, Ph.D.".

LeAnn G Putney, Ph.D., Chair
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