

## IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

**Documents Reviewed:** Request for a New Credit Certificate Program on Literacy and Learning (6 pgs)

**Summary of Proposal:** This proposal is for a 15 credit hour Graduate *Certificate in Literacy and Learning* in the School of Education. The goal of the certificate program is to prepare new teachers with the most current perspectives on literacy and its role in learning and to ensure that teachers are up-to-date on ever-evolving technologies related to reading and literacy. Courses will cover the role of culture in language learning among diverse learners. The target students are licensed elementary teachers or informal educators who want to develop expertise in all issues related to reading at the elementary level. Those who complete the certificate will be able to add *Reading* as an area of expertise to their state teaching license.

- 1. Are the goals clear and achievable?** Yes, the goals are clear and seem achievable using existing faculty and staff resources.
- 2. Is the program academically sound?** Yes, the proposed curriculum includes 4 required courses and 1 elective course. The proposal lists 10 students learning outcomes that are aligned with the *Reading Educator Standards (2010)* specified by the Indiana Department of Education.
- 3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?** Yes, the proposal states that the Certificate Program will draw upon existing faculty and staff resources.
- 4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?** No, a literacy and learning certificate program focused on teaching reading in elementary school clearly belongs in the School of Education. The certificate program is expected to be a feeder program into the existing master's program in Literacy, Culture, and Language.
- 5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...**  
Based on the clarity, comprehensiveness, and cogent arguments presented in this proposal, I recommend its approval. I see no concerns.