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<u>Professional Standards Commission Approves Two COE</u> Programs

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The College of Education now has Professional Standards Commission (PSC) approved programs in the newly developed certification fields of Instructional Technology and in Curriculum and Instruction. These changes mark a step forward in COE's continuing efforts to improve and advance its programs, offering students greater educational opportunities in a variety of settings that meet their specific needs.

COE adds a certification track for Instructional Technology as an option in the Instructional Technology M.Ed. degree. It also offers a School Library Media certification track in the M.Ed. and a new dual-track certification option for those seeking certification in both School Library Media and Instructional Technology. Additional Instructional Technology offerings include add-on certifications in Instructional Technology or School Library Media and an Ed.S. in Instructional Technology. All of the Instructional Technology programs are 100 percent online.

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Accomplished Teaching, formerly the M.Ed. in Accomplished Teaching, was designed specifically for teachers to address the diverse learning needs of school children in Georgia. Learning experiences range from assessment designs and unit plans to evidence-based classroom projects and school transformation plans. Collaboration between Georgia Southern, Columbus State and Valdosta State provides an on-going dialogue between these institutions regarding improved teacher preparation and assessment. More than 350 students are currently enrolled in the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction across the three institutions.