

Memo

To: Dr. Terry Mason, Chair, Committee on Teacher Education
From: Genevieve Williamson, Director, TAL program
Re: TAL program Math requirement Changes
Date: March 24, 2003

Teacher All Learners (TAL) program faculty are requesting a change of the TAL General Education math requirements.

Current requirement: 7 or 8 credit hours taken in one of the following options:

Option I. MATH M118/A118 (3 cr.) and MATH T104 (4 cr.)

Option II. MATH D116 (2 cr.) and MATH D117 (2 cr.) and MATH T104 (4 cr.)

Proposed requirement: 9 credit hours taken as follows:

MATH T101 (3 cr.) and MATH T102 (3 cr.) and MATH T103 (3 cr.)

T101 will emphasize number concepts and computation and T103 will focus on geometry and measurement. T102 will emphasize principles of probability and statistics.

TAL offers certification in elementary and special education (mild intervention). This change was recommended by math program faculty (see October 24, 2002 memo from Frank Lester to the committee) and will align the TAL program with the elementary program. The rationale is based on a National Council of Teachers of Mathematics endorsement of at least 9 credit hours or mathematics for elementary teachers, and an improvement on that course content as outlined by Frank Lester. It will increase the TAL program hour requirements from a total of 128 to 129.