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## **Move from Ed.D. to Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction Approved by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THEBC) today (Thursday, April 30) approved Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s request to change the current Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program in Curriculum and Instruction to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction.

The change from an Ed.D. to a Ph.D. reflects the research emphasis of the degree and provides greater flexibility for graduates to meet the demands of an expanding job market. While the Ed.D. program had a single track focused on literacy education, the Ph.D. program will have a new Curriculum Studies track. Curriculum Studies is specifically designed for students interested in pursuing doctoral studies related to educational aspects of science, mathematics, history, English, or other fields. Educators will have a new means of receiving a terminal degree, which enables them to teach at colleges and universities. Courses will be offered in fall 2009.

“This will provide students in South Texas and the nation the opportunity to study with some of the finest scholars in the field,” said Dr. Arthur Hernandez, dean of the College of Education. “This degree will enable them to get a first class education without leaving home. At the same time, it will attract prospective students from around the nation to study at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.”

Around 45 students have enrolled in the doctoral program in Curriculum and Instruction since it began in 2004. The first graduates are expected this May.

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