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**REQUEST FOR PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
FROM MASTER OF ARTS IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY TO MASTER OF ARTS IN
LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to change the name of the Master of Arts in Instructional Technology to Master of Arts in Learning Technologies and Instructional Design in the College of Education.

The Council of Provosts and Board office support approval of this request.

Background: This Master of Arts (MA) program prepares professionals to be leaders in Instructional Technology in the classroom, district and beyond. Students focus on integrating technology into the classroom and graduates focus on bringing progressive change to Iowa and beyond. Coursework is designed to build skills and develop a vision based upon best practice for using technology within the learning environment.

Reason for proposed change. The MA in Instructional Technology – along with the field at large - has undergone an evolution over the past few years. The new title, Learning Technologies and Instructional Design more accurately reflects what students learn in the program, and the skills needed post-graduation. This will also allow the program to appeal to a larger market including corporate education markets.

Effect on program configuration. At the same time that it changes its name, the program will reduce the required credit hours from 33 credits to 30 credits. The faculty will also align the coursework with the International Society for Technology Education certification.

Effect on students. The name change will not impact current students. The program outcomes in place are still being met with current students. The name change will help with marketing and recruitment of future cohorts of students.

Effect on accreditation. There are no accreditation requirements associated with this change.

Effect on resources. No additional resources are required.

Date of implementation. August 2022.