

MEMORANDUM

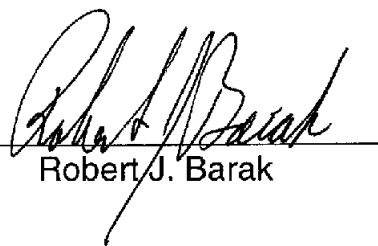
To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Information on Suspension of Admissions to the M.A. Program in Audiology,
University of Northern Iowa
Date: January 7, 2002

Suspend Admissions As directed by Board policy (*Procedural Guide §6.20, Policy on Academic Program Termination and Reduced Admissions*), this memorandum is providing information on the University of Northern Iowa's intent to suspend graduate admissions to the M.A. degree in Audiology at the University of Northern Iowa, effective Spring Semester 2002. At this time, the University is notifying the Board of its intent to suspend admissions; later, UNI will request approval to terminate the program.

Current Status The Department of Communicative Disorders proposes that the class seeking the M.A. degree in Audiology, which entered with the Fall 2001 term and graduates in Spring 2003, will be the last class to complete the program, unless this suspension of admissions is revoked. There are currently 11 students in the program.

Rationale The program is being suspended because of changes in the Audiology profession. Beginning in 2007, a Clinical Doctorate of Audiology will be the entry-level credential for professional work in the field. To initiate such a doctoral program in the Department of Communicative Disorders would require an expansion of educational programming that the College of Humanities and Fine Arts (where the program is housed) can ill afford to make.

The faculty in the Department of Communicative Disorders has voted unanimously to support suspension of admissions at this time and to terminate the program, according to Board policy, when all students have completed their course work.


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