ACADEMIC AFFAIRS GUIDELINES

Section 2.3	Academic Program Policies	
Title:	Emphasis in an Existing Major	
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1. An **emphasis** is a concentration within a major accomplished by individual student choices within a plan of study. For example, within a major on adult health the student may choose to focus on the health of older adults.
2. While no minimum and maximum number of credits exists for an emphasis, universities should align credit hours with current university and system policies and guidelines on academic majors and minors.
3. The university Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) has authority to approve an emphasis in an existing major.
4. An emphasis is not a separate program. A catalog may describe an emphasis, but not detail it as a specific plan of study.
5. Emphases are not coded in the student information system and do not appear on transcripts.

SOURCE:

AAC December 2015; October 2018 (Clerical). AAC September 2020.