**Outline for Proposal of New Area of Specialization**

*This form is to be used for proposing new areas of Specialization to the office of Graduate Studies.*

Name of the proposed Area or Interdepartmental Area of Specialization:

Specialization is Masters\_\_\_\_\_ Doctoral\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Both\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) to be offered:

List the participating Department(s):

Names of the Advisory Committee members:

Proposed CIP Code:

Certificate will be offered: On campus only

 Distance only

 Hybrid (on campus & distance)

**APPROVALS**

I This proposal is being submitted on behalf of the faculty for the proposed Area of Specialization.

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Chair of Advisory Committee Date

II This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate Committee(s) of the sponsoring department(s).

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Chair(s), Departmental Graduate Committee(s) Date

III. The department(s) listed below agree(s) to sponsor the Area of Specialization proposed in this document. By serving as the sponsor for the proposed Area of Specialization, the department(s) is (are) making a commitment to provide sufficient resources for that Area of Specialization to thrive.

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Name(s) of Sponsoring Department(s) Date

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Chair(s) of Sponsoring Department(s) Date

IV. Assurance that resources are available for the proposed Area of Specialization.

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Dean(s) of Sponsoring College(s) Date

1. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the UNL Graduate Council.

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Dean of Graduate Studies Date

**Content and Format of the Program**

What are the educational goals and objectives of the proposed specialization?

List the courses that will be offered in the specialization.

Are there guidelines or accreditation’s for such programs? If so, will this program meet the established standards?

Outline the requirements for students enrolled in the specialization. *(At a minimum, students are required to complete a masters or doctoral degree in one of the participating departments in the specialization and complete 9 hours of specialization related coursework.)*

**General Governance Procedures**

Describe the role of the faculty in the conduct of the specialization. Describe the admissions and advising procedures of students in the specialization.

**Availability of Resources and Funding**

What resources are necessary to make this program viable (library holdings, space requirements, special equipment or renovations, etc.)? Are these resources now available and, if not, how can they be obtained?

**Impact on Existing Academic Community**

What interactions will take place with other departments, units, and programs on all campuses? What participation will be required in terms of faculty from other programs? (Provide letters documenting willingness to participate.) What steps have been taken to insure that the proposed specialization does not overlap existing programs? (Documentation must be provided that relevant departments or areas have been informed of the proposal).

Approved by UNL Graduate Council, 9/16/97