Degrees Offered: The M.A., Ed.M., and Ed.D. may be earned by students in this program. The Ph.D. degree is not available for interdisciplinary studies.

Objectives of the Program: The central purpose is to combine existing courses offered by Teachers College in a pattern not now provided by existing programs. Students may develop, with two or more faculty sponsors, an individually tailored sequence of courses, which constitute a meaningful combination appropriate to a designated educational goal. The Associate Dean in consultation with the Interdisciplinary Committee will oversee the planning of the degree program.

Admissions Procedures: For applicants who are not now students at Teachers College, the usual application for admission will need to be completed along with the special application for this program (attached). For applicants already admitted, the application for this program must also be submitted. In the consideration for admission to this program, the potential faculty sponsors may set requirements in addition to those basic admission requirements for degree programs. In the application for admission, the applicant is called upon to present a tentative program plan, demonstrate that her/his goals cannot be adequately met within an existing program, obtain the sponsorship of at least two faculty, and secure the approval of the Interdisciplinary Committee.

Degree Requirements: All of the established steps involved in completing specific degree requirements will apply to students in this program. For the Ed.D., for example, sponsors will serve in the usual manner in such activities as preparing and evaluating certification examinations, holding dissertation proposal hearings, supervising the preparation of the dissertation, and participating in the final oral defense.

Instructions for Completing a Tentative Program Plan: Please use the format appropriate for the degree being sought. Ed.D. students should consult the Program Plan documents for the Ed.D. which may be obtained from the Office of Doctoral Studies. Master’s students should consult the section in the current Teachers College Catalog which deals with Degree Requirements for the M.A. and Ed.M. degrees.

The purpose of the development of a Tentative Program Plan is to document the availability of a set of courses which can be taken through Teachers College, and which are appropriate for the educational goals you have set. In addition, it will provide a basis for determining whether the proposed program of study can or cannot be followed through an existing program at the College. For these reasons, the Tentative Program Plan is not necessarily a firm commitment to take the designated courses. If the admission to the program is approved, the Tentative Program Plan will serve as a guide to you and to your faculty sponsors.
Interdisciplinary Studies in Education
Application for Admission

Name______________________ Student ID (SS#)_____________________ Date___________

If currently enrolled.   Department: ___________________________________________
                        Program:     ____________________________________________
                        Academic Advisor:  _____________________________________

A. Prepare attachments as indicated below:

1. Describe the program of study which you want to pursue. If there is a title which you would
   give to the program, either in terms of the content or of the occupational position for which it
   would prepare you, please indicate.

2. Specify the reasons why this educational program cannot be pursued in an existing program.

3. Present a Tentative Program Plan of courses, including independent study, using the current
   Teachers College or other Columbia Catalogs, to supply the course numbers and titles.

B. Obtain the sponsorship of at least two professors who affirm that:

1. The educational goals of the applicant cannot be adequately met within an existing  program.

2. The resources for completing the projected program of study are available through Teachers
   College.

3. The proposed program of study meets the College’s degree requirements and has a reasonable
   balance of courses between the two areas.

4. The applicant has the personal and professional qualifications to pursue the proposed program
   of study.

5. There is a reasonable expectation that the student will complete the program during the period
   of tenure of the faculty sponsors.

Chief Sponsor Name:  ________________________________
Signature:   ________________________________
Date:    ________________________________

Faculty Sponsor Name: ________________________________
Signature:   ________________________________
Date:    ________________________________