# ACADEMIC ALERT #2003-2

**DATE:** **January, 2003**
**DECISION:** **National College of Education:**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Elementary Education**
**With a Concentration in Alternate Route to Certification**

**Rationale**
The Elementary Education Program in spring, 2002 received ISBE, SAPC and Faculty Senate approvals for an alternative route to certification [ARC] program for non-certified teachers. Because the ARC program is for certification and is not a degree program, students are not eligible for financial aid. Therefore, the Elementary Education Department added coursework required for an MAT degree in Elementary Education for students who complete the ARC certification and the MAT degree components.

The Elementary Education Program has an existing MAT degree with a concentration in Traditional Route to Certification, which requires 40 semester hours of coursework and is geared to those new to the field of education. This new MAT degree in the Elementary Education Program with a concentration in ARC requires 34 semester hours of coursework and is geared to teachers without standard certification.

**Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: October 10, 2002**
**Faculty Senate Approval: October 16, 2002**

**Current Program Authorizations**
The university currently has authorization to offer the M.A.T. in Elementary Education (with any concentration) in the following Illinois regions: Chicago Region, North Suburban Region, West Suburban Region, Fox Valley Region, Central Region, Prairie Region, South Metro Region, and Western Region.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January, 2003**

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**Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Description of the MAT in Elementary Education with an ARC Concentration**

The degree would require 34 semester hours. It includes ten semester hours of core courses, 16 semester hours of program requirements and eight semester hours of electives. As part of the ARC certification program, students would already have completed four of the ten semester hours of the core course work (FND 504 and EPS 500B) and 16 semester hours program course work (ELE 540, RLL 540, SPE 500 and ELE 593). In addition, students are required to have eight semester hours of graduate level course work for their electives. These elective hours must be selected from a recommended list and must be approved by the student's advisor.

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### Core Requirements

| Course Code | Course Title | Semester Hours |
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| ESR 506 | Graduate Research: Interpretive/Critical | 2 |
| ESR 507 | Graduate Research: Empirical/Qualitative | 2 |
| EPS 500B | Human Develop with a Focus on El. & Middle School Age Children | 2 |
| FND 504 | History and Philosophy of Education | 2 |
| FND 505 | Perspectives on Contemporary Issues in Education | 2 |

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| Course Code | Course Title | Semester Hours |
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| ELE 540 | Methods Across the Curriculum | 4 |
| RLL 540 | Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading and Language Arts | 3 |
| SPE 500 | Introduction to Exceptional Children and Adolescent | 3 |
| ELE 593 | Internship and Seminar in Elementary Education for Student-Practitioners<br>Students register 3 times (2 sh per quarter) for this course: fall, winter and spring quarters | 6 |
| **Electives In Consultation with Advisor** | | 8 |