ACADEMIC ALERT #2003-12

DATE: **May, 2003**
DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS); National College of Education (NCE)**

M. S. Degree in Human Services Counseling (CAS) with a new Concentration in School Counseling which is a Type 73 Guidance Endorsement for School Counseling (NCE)

AND

M.S. Degree in Human Services Counseling with a Concentration in Community Counseling which is exactly the same as the current Human Services Counseling Degree (CAS)

Rationale

The M. S. Degree in Human Services Counseling (CAS) with Type 73 Guidance Endorsement for School Counseling (NCE) is a modification and extension of the existing Human Services Counseling program. This is a 48 semester hour degree program that is already approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and the National Board for Certified Counselors.

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) M.S. degree in Human Services Counseling offered all courses needed for the Type 73 endorsement, except for two courses, a course in school counseling, and a practicum. In the past, graduates of the program attained additional Type 73 certification courses at other institutions. With the Illinois State Board of Education approval of this program, school counseling candidates will complete all their course and supervised experiences with NLU and be recommended for the Type 73 certificate in School Counseling from the NCE certification office.

Illinois State Board of Education Certification Board Approval: February 7, 2003
Faculty Senate Approval: June 19, 2002
Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: May 9, 2002

Current Program Authorizations

The university currently has authorization to offer the M. S. Degree in Human Services Counseling (CAS) in the following Illinois regions: Chicago Region, North Suburban Region, West Suburban Region and Fox Valley. The concentration in School Counseling is not authorized in the West Suburban Region and Fox Valley until approved by IBHE (IBHE application pending).

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: February 7, 2003

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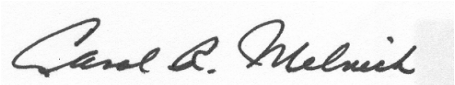

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Program Requirements
Added to the CAS M.S. degree in Human Services Counseling curriculum are the following two courses to meet the Type 73 certification requirements:

HSC534 School Counseling: Theories, Issues and Practice (3 SH)
HSC533 Counseling Practicum (3 SH).

With the addition of these two courses, students with a teaching certificate wanting the Type 73 endorsement in counseling would take courses in the Human Services Department in CAS and earn a Master's degree in Human Services Counseling; the Type 73 guidance endorsement would be provided by NCE. While the actual M.S. degree will be offered in CAS, the Type 73 certification must be administered through NCE due to ISBE regulations.

Students who complete this program are eligible for licensure in Illinois as licensed professional counselors (LPC-first level) and after a period of approximately two years as licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPC-second level). Students pursuing the school counseling option will also be eligible for the Type 73 Certificate in Illinois. Those wishing to become school counselors must have a valid teaching certificate.

Admission Requirements
Students are admitted to the Human Services Counseling Program with a School Counseling Concentration. Admission requirements for the Counseling program include taking the Watson-Glaser Test, three letters of recommendation, an admission essay, and a faculty interview. In addition to the regular requirements for admission, school counseling students must present a valid teaching certificate. If certified prior to July 1, 1988, or not certified in the state of Illinois, students will be required to take and pass the Illinois Test of Basic Skills.

Implementation
Information regarding this Type 73 endorsement needs to be printed in the NCE Quarterly and CAS materials.

New marketing materials need to be developed.

HSC534 and HSC533 need to be cross-referenced in CAS and NCE publications of course offerings for registration information.

The program with its new Type 73 endorsement in counseling needs to be included in the next university catalogue and cross-referenced in CAS and NCE.

The NLU Office of State Compliance must apply to Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for approval to offer the Human Services Counseling Program with a School Counseling Concentration in the West Suburban and Fox Valley regions. Until then, the Human Services Counseling Program with a School Counseling Concentration cannot be offered at our Wheaton or Elgin campuses; it can be offered on the Chicago, Evanston and Wheeling campuses.