ACADEMIC ALERT #2003-20

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

Revised Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program M.Ed. and C.A.S.; C.A.S. is known as Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Florida

Rationale
The Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program (M.Ed. and C.A.S.) was revised to reflect new standards for preparation programs for educational leaders. The revised program for the M.Ed. degree and Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.; known as the Educational Specialist degree [Ed.S.] in Florida) is informed by seven new standards adopted by the Educational Leadership Constituent Consortium (ELCC) in 2002, which are also aligned with state standards in Illinois, Wisconsin and Florida, the three states where this program is offered.

NCE Graduate Council Approval of Revised Courses: May, June, September 2003.
NCE Graduate Council Approval of New Course ESR 508: September 17, 2003
Senate Curriculum Committee Approval of New Course ESR 508: October 7, 2003
NCE Curriculum Council Approval of Revised Program: June, 2003
Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: June 12, 2003
Faculty Senate Approval: June 18, 2003

Current Program Authorizations
The university currently has authorization to offer the Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program (M.Ed. and C.A.S.) in the following Illinois regions: Chicago Region, North Suburban Region, West Suburban Region, Fox Valley Region, Central Region, Prairie Region; in the State of Florida; and in the State of Wisconsin. Application is pending with IBHE for the South Metro Region, and Western Region.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 22, 2003

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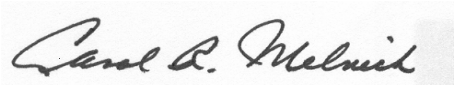

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Description of the Program
The "old" or previous M.Ed. Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program required 40 semester hours for degree completion. It included ten semester hours of core courses, and 30 semester hours of program requirements. The revised M.Ed. Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program requires 36 semester hours for degree completion. It includes 6 semester hours of core courses, and 30 semester hours of program requirements. The "old" or previous C.A.S. Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program required 33 semester hours for degree completion. It included 3 semester hours of core courses, and 30 semester hours of program requirements. The revised C.A.S. Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program requires 36 semester hours for degree completion. It includes 6 semester hours of core courses, and 30 semester hours of program requirements.

Core Requirements for M.ED. and C.A.S. (Ed.S. in Florida)
Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision Program

The "old" program required 10 SH of core (5 courses, 2 SH each) for the M.ED. and one 3 SH course for the C.A.S. The new program has 2 courses at 3 SH each for the M.ED. and C.A.S.

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
ESR 508	Research for School Leaders	3
EDL 546 (new prefix) FND 546 (old prefix)	Perspectives and Administration of Educational Policy (revised) Perspectives on and Administration of Educational Policies (prior)	3

Program Requirements
The program requirements remain the same in terms of the same 10 courses and the number of total semester hours remains the same for both the MED and CAS at 30 SH. The only changes are in revision of some course names as indicated below.

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
EDL 501	Educational Finance	3
EDL 502	Educational Law and Governance	3
EDL 504	School and Community Relations	3
EDL 506	Negotiations and Personnel (revised name) Collective Negotiations and Personnel Administration (prior name)	3
EDL 510	Leadership and Organizational Development	3
EDL 512	Communication and Technological Skills for School Leaders	3
EDL 551	Professional Staff Development (revised name) System and Staff Development (prior name)	3
EDL 552	Administration of Curriculum	3
EDL 553	Supervising Instruction	3
EDL 554	Academic System Improvement (revised name) System and Staff Evaluation (prior name)	3

Explanation of the Ed.S. in Florida
The Master of Education and Certificate of Advanced Study are typical degree titles in Illinois—the M.Ed. or Master's-- denoting a fifth-year degree and the Certificate of Advanced Study denoting a sixth year (or beyond-the-master's) program. When NCE sought approval for its M.Ed. and C.A.S. programs from the Florida Council on Educational Management in 1998, it was advised to change the name of the Certificate of Advanced Study to "Educational Specialist," a degree (Ed.S.) designation used in Florida for sixth-year programs. "Certificate of Advanced Study" is not used in Florida. The Educational Specialist program (Florida) is designed for Building Leadership candidates and prepares the candidate for the Level 1 Certificate (Principal) while the Educational Specialist program in Illinois is designed for District Leadership candidates and prepares the candidate for the Superintendency.

Implementation
Change in the total number of hours for the M.Ed. from 40 SH to 36 SH and C.A.S. from 33 SH to 36 SH needs to be reflected in all relevant areas: registrar, admissions, marketing, enrollment and recruitment.

All changes must be made in the next catalogue, 2004-2006, including the course requirements and the course titles and prefixes.

EDL 546 Perspectives and Administration of Educational Policy, formerly FND 546, is a required course for the C.A.S. in other NCE programs. Therefore, all other NCE programs that offer the C.A.S. need to be aware of this change as well for advising purposes. This change must be made in the next catalogue as well.