# ACADEMIC ALERT #2004-8

**DATE:** **June, 2004**
**DECISION:** **National College of Education (NCE)**

**Revision of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Early Childhood Degree Program**

**Rationale**
The Early Childhood faculty revised the B.A. Early Childhood degree program, a certification program, to improve its offerings and experiences for students. The revisions affect a few courses only, and therefore approval is by SAPC as a point of information.

**Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: June 11, 2004**

**Program Authorizations:** The Early Childhood Education programs are authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; South Metropolitan; Fox Valley; Central; Western and Prairie.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Immediately**

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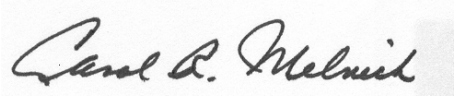

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**Vice Provost**

**Changes in General Education Requirements**
Decreased by 2 QH from 84 SH to 82 SH

**Addition of QH in General Education**
Humanities Elective increased by 1 QH from 4 QH to 5 QH

**Deletion of Course in General Education**
AHG105 – Science of Health and Nutrition 3 QH

**Professional Education Requirements**
Increased by 3 QH from 65 QH to 68 QH

**Addition of Course**
ECE330 – Instructional Technology 3 QH

**Total Number of Hours Required for Degree Completion Increases by 1 QH (see chart below)**
Increases by 1 QH from 179/184 QH to 180/185 QH

## Revised B.A. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS:

**The Early Childhood Education major requires specific general education courses to meet certification requirements**

| NLU General Education Requirement | ECE Course & Quarter Hour requirement | Revisions |
|---|---|---|
| Communication | LAE 101 Composition I (5)<br>LAE 102 Composition II (5)<br><br>LAT 210 Effective Speech (5) | None |
| Fine Arts | LAA 110 Intro to Art (2)<br><br>LAU 110 Intro to Music (2) | None |
| Humanities | LAE 307 Literature for Children (5)<br><br>Humanities Elective (4) | None<br><br>Humanities Elective (**5**)<br>**Increased by 1 QH** |
| Science | Biological (5)<br><br>Physical (5)<br><br>Science electives (8) | None |
| Mathematics/ Quantitative Studies | LAM 110 College Math (prereq. for LAM 112; ***these 5 QH are not included in the general education total requirement.***)<br>LAM 112 & 213 Math Content for Teachers I & II (5, 5) | None |
| Social Science | US History (5)<br><br>American Government (5)<br><br>Nonwestern or Third World Cultures (5) | None |

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| Behavioral Science | 2 developmental psychology courses (10) | None |
| **Additional general education:** | | |
| | AHG 105 Health, Safety & Nutrition (3) | Delete this requirement. |
| **Total Gen Ed Hours:** | 84 QH | 82 QH **Decreases by 2 QH** |
| Professional Education Requirements | | |
| | 65 QH | 68 QH **Increases by 3 QH**<br>**Addition of new course:**<br>ECE 330 Instructional Technology (3) |
| Standard Teaching Concentration/Double Major | | |
| | 30/35 | **None** |
| **Total Hours for Degree:** | 179/184 **Increases by 1 QH** | 180/185 **Increases by 1 QH** |

**Implementation**

Changes need to be made for the next catalog, 2005-2006. The catalog copy for B.A. ECE has to be rewritten as soon as this academic alert is posted with all changes. ECE faculty must submit this catalog copy to the Office of the Registrar and Office of the Provost.

Changes need to be made in Banner.

Changes need to be made to the Credit Evaluations to reflect the revisions to General Education.

ECE faculty, Offices of the Registrar, Admissions, and staff in Enrollment, Marketing, Recruitment need to be knowledgeable about these changes and updates.