



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-15

DATE: June 2007
DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)

Revised M.A.T. Elementary Education Admission Policy for GPA

Revised M.A.T. Elementary Education with Alternative Route to Certification (ARC) Concentration; For Non-Certified Teachers in Classrooms
Updates Academic Alert 2006-12 June 2006 for M.A.T. ELE with ARC

Revised M.A.T. Elementary Education with Alternative Certification (AC) Concentration; For Teach for America (TFA) and Chicago Teaching Fellows (CTF) Students
Updates Academic Alert 2006-12 June 2006 for M.A.T. ELE with AC

Rationale

The revisions to M.A.T. ELE ARC enhance the curriculum for students. The revisions to M.A.T. ELE AC enhance the curriculum for students and enable TFA and CTF students to be admitted to a degree program, and thereby receive the maximum amount of financial aid. The admission policy regarding GPA was revised.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: June 21, 2007
Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Required
Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not required

Program Authorizations: The M.A.T. in Elementary Education Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago, North Suburban, West Suburban, South Metropolitan, Fox Valley, Central, Prairie, and Western. The M.A.T. in Elementary Education Program is also authorized to be offered at NLU campuses in Wisconsin, Virginia, and Florida.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Summer, 2007

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Summary of Revisions

- The current ARC requirement includes FND 505 Contemporary Issues in Education 2 SH. This course is being phased out by the Education Foundations and Inquiry Department. The revised ARC/AC degree eliminates this course as a requirement.
- These two semester hours of degree credit are replaced by ELE 545 Arts Methods 1 SH and ELE 547 Health and Physical Education Methods 1 SH. These classes have been added to the traditional M.A.T. program and the B.A. program in order to meet the standards for the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) the Specialized Professional Association for Elementary Education.
- The current ELE 593 ARC Internship is 6 SH—2 SH per quarter for three consecutive quarters during one academic year. This requires all students to enroll in another class in order to qualify for financial aid each quarter. Changing the hours to 9 SH—3 SH each term for three consecutive terms in one academic year assures students the highest level of financial aid each quarter.
- Adding 3 SH to the ELE 593 internship reduces the number of electives from 7 SH to 4 SH. The degree remains as 34 SH.

Admission Requirements Revision for M.A.T. ELE

GPA of 3.0 in the last sixty hours of undergraduate coursework is now required. GPA's between 2.5 and 2.99 (in last 60 hours undergraduate coursework) will be considered on an individual basis by the Office of Admissions, and in consultation with the EMLTE Department when necessary. Previously, students with GPA's lower than 2.5 were considered for admission to M.A.T. ELE. The policy was revised to align with the GPA policy now used by Secondary Education.

Revised Master of Arts in Teaching with ARC Concentration For Non-Certified Teachers in Classrooms (Updates Academic Alert 2006-12 June 2006 for MAT ARC)

Course Code	Course Title	SH
Core Requirements Decreases from 11sh to 9sh		
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers	3
EPS 511	Human Learning and Development in Instructional Contexts	3
FND 510	Social Justice Perspectives on the History and Philosophy of United States (USA) Education	3
Program Requirements		
ELE 540	Elementary Methods Across the Curriculum	4
RLL 540	Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading and Language Arts: Alternative Certification	3
ELE 545	Methods for Teaching Arts Education <i>(course added since 2006)</i>	1
ELE 547	Methods for Teaching Health and Physical Education <i>(course added since 2006)</i>	1
SPE 500	Introduction to Exceptional Children and Adolescents	3
ELE 593	Elementary Education: Internship for Alternative Route to Certification Candidates <i>(hours increased 3sh from 6sh to 9sh since 2006; taken 3sh per quarter for 3 consecutive quarters)</i>	9 In Total
	Electives [with advisor approval] <i>(hours decreased 3sh from 7sh to 4sh since 2006)</i>	4
	Total Hours for Degree Stays the Same	34

**Revised Master of Arts in Teaching with AC Concentration
For TFA and CTF Students
(Updates Academic Alert 2006-12 June 2006 for MAT AC)**

Course Code	Course Title	SH
Core Requirements		
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers <i>(an existing course added to the program)</i>	3
EPS 511	Human Learning and Development in Instructional Contexts	3
FND 510	Social Justice Perspectives on the History and Philosophy of United States (USA) Education	3
Program Requirements		
ELE 540	Elementary Methods Across the Curriculum	4
RLL 540	Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading and Language Arts: Alternative Certification	3
ELE 545	Methods for Teaching Arts Education	1
ELE 547	Methods for Teaching Health and Physical Education	1
SPE 500	Introduction to Exceptional Children and Adolescents	3
ELE 592	Elementary Education: Alternative Certification Internship <i>(hours increased 3sh from 6sh to 9sh since 2006; taken 3sh per quarter for 3 consecutive quarters)</i>	9 In Total
	Electives [with advisor approval] <i>(elective hours added to the program since 2006)</i>	4
	Total Hours for Degree In 2006, program was 25sh; 9sh added to make this a degree	34

Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed for these revisions and revisions regarding the GPA, and M.A.T. ARC and AC added to NLU's website.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog 2008-2009.