ACADEMIC ALERT #2009-09

DATE: **April, 2009**

DECISION: **National College of Education (NCE)**

Two New Non-Degree Certification Programs:
LBS II Curriculum Adaptation Specialist
LBS II Technology Specialist

Rationale
The two new non-degree special education certification programs address the state standards-based requirements needed to demonstrate competency in the area of Learning Behavior Specialist II (LBS II) for the Curriculum Adaptation Specialist and the Technology Specialist. These special education areas are two of seven relatively new advanced-level special education certifications available for approval from the state of Illinois. The special education certifications are only available to teachers who hold LBS I certificates. The Special Education Department at NLU already offers the LBSI, and adds LBSII. The seven certifications are: LBS II/Transition Specialist, LBS II/Technology Specialist, LBS II/Bilingual Education Specialist, LBS II/Deaf-Blind Specialist, LBSII/Behavior Intervention Specialist, LBS II/Curriculum Adaptation Specialist and LBS II/Multiple Disabilities Specialist certificate.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: December 15, 2005
Faculty Senate Approval: February 15, 2006
Provost Approval: March 6, 2006
Illinois State Board of Education Approval: March 6, 2009

Program Authorizations: LBSII **COURSES ONLY** are authorized to be offered at any location in Illinois.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Fall Term, 2009

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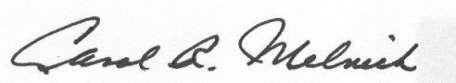

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Admission Criteria
Admission requirements are the same as specified in the catalog for students desiring admittance into graduate programs (M.Ed.; C.A.S.) in the National College of Education. All applicants must hold a valid Illinois LBS I Teaching Certificate and must pass the Illinois APT Test.

LBS II Curriculum Adaptation Specialist prepares candidates to select or design accommodations or adaptations to the general curriculum and instruction for students with disabilities, ages 3-21. The program prioritizes translating research into practice and fostering collaboration among professionals and the integration of technology into instruction, selection and/or design of curricular and instructional adaptations for students ages 3-21 working in the general curriculum, and curriculum-based assessment.

LBS II Curriculum Adaptation Specialist

Course Code	Course Title	SH
SPE554	Application of Learning Theories in Student Centered Learning (New Course)	3
SPE555	Differentiated Instruction in the Least Restrictive Environment (New Course)	3
SPE556	Planning and Designing Responsive Learning Environments (New Course)	3
SPE590	Learning Behavior Specialist II Internship (New Course) Students may take this course three times for 1 hour each to equal 3SH	3

LBS II Assistive Technology Specialist prepares certificate candidates to identify, obtain and teach with technologies for students with disabilities. Candidates will be prepared to assess a student's technology needs and to integrate such technology into the daily instruction and routine for the student. The program will prepare candidates to provide consultation to colleagues and families regarding technologies. Candidates completing the certificate program will have met the LBS II Content Area Standards for Technology Specialist. The program prioritizes translating research into practice, fostering collaboration among professionals, and the coordination of interdisciplinary services and case management within the school are integral to the school's success.

LBS II Technology Specialist

Course Code	Course Title	SH
SPE546	Foundations of Assistive Technology (New Course)	3
SPE547	Assistive Technology for the Universal Design Classroom (New Course)	3
SPE548	Applications of Assistive Technology (New Course)	3
SPE590	Learning Behavior Specialist II Internship (New Course) Students may take this course three times for 1 hour each to equal 3SH	3

Implementation
Changes need to be entered into Banner.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about **LBS II Curriculum Adaptation Specialist and LBS II Technology Specialist.**

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, 2010-2011.