ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-3

DATE: **February 2010**

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

Revised M.A.T. Early Childhood Education ECE Program

RATIONALE: The M.A.T. Early Childhood Education (ECE) program was updated to better meet the needs of students.

APPROVAL: Senate Academic Planning Committee February 18, 2010

Current Program Authorizations: The M.A.T. Early Childhood Education program is authorized to be offered in the four home campus regions of Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan; and additionally in Fox Valley, Western, Central, and Prairie Regions.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Spring Term, 2010

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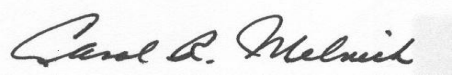

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ESR504 Assessment in Early Childhood Education (ECE) Settings: Purpose and Practice (2 SH; new course) replaces ECE520 Speech and Language Development as a required course in the M.A.T. ECE Program. ECE 520 is deleted from the program but not the catalog.

The course was developed by the Educational Foundations and Inquiry department, per the request of the faculty in the early childhood department. They asked for the course to change from 3 to 2 SH, and this change was approved by NCE Graduate Council and Senate Curriculum Committee.

The new assessment course will replace ECE 520 Speech and Language Development. The topics that were addressed in ECE 520 are being addressed through other coursework that students in the M.A.T. ECE program will be taking. Importantly, the new assessment course will create a foundation upon which students can develop and implement appropriate assessment in ECE settings.

RLL537 Early Literacy Methods, PreK-3 (3SH; new course) replaces RLR501 Teaching Beginning Reading (3SH) as a required course in the M.A.T. ECE Program. RLR501 is deleted from the program but not the catalog.

The reading department has developed a new course and this will replace RLR501 which was required in the M.A.T. ECE program. The course has been approved by NCE Graduate Council, and Senate Curriculum Committee.

Revised M.A.T. Early Childhood Degree Program		
Course Code	**Course Title**	**SH**
	Core Courses	
EPS 500a	Human Development with a Focus on Early Childhood	3
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers	3
FND 503	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
	Program Courses	
ECE 501	Instructional Methods/Primary: Language Arts, Social Studies	2
ECE 502	Infant-Toddler Preclinical Experiences	2
ECE 505	Instructional Methods/Pre-Primary: Lang Arts, Art, Music, Movement	2
ECE 506	Instructional Methods/Pre-Primary: Math, Science, Social Studies	2
ECE 510	Child, Family and Community	3
ECE 580	Early Childhood Education Practicum	2
ECE 590	Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education	5
ESR504	**Assessment in Early Childhood Education (ECE) Settings: Purpose and Practice** **New Course** Replaces ECE 520 Speech and Language Development	**2**
MHE 482	Methods for Teaching Primary-Grade Mathematics and Science	2
RLL537	**Early Literacy Methods, PreK-3 New Course** Replaces RLR501 Methods and Materials for Teaching Beginning Reading	**3**
SPE 500	Introduction to Exceptional Children and Adolescents	3
TOTAL		**37**

Implementation

This academic alert "triggers" a change in CAPP, but only for students who are enrolled for the first time in Spring 2010 or later. Faculty will need to send a student adjustment form to the Office of Admissions and Records (OAR) to adjust the record for current students, as necessary.

Changes need to be entered in the appropriate NLU web pages.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised 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.