ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-5

DATE: **April 2010**

DECISION: **National College of Education (NCE)**
New M.Ed. in Urban Teaching

RATIONALE: The new M.Ed. in Urban Teaching is offered by the National College of Education (NCE) in partnership with the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). The program is for individuals who already hold a teaching certificate, and does not offer certification or endorsements. The new degree program will be offered with intensive field and clinical experiences in partnership with AUSL only at this time.

This curriculum is designed to address the needs of novice teachers in high need, urban schools. The design draws upon data gathered from teachers in their first five years of practice about specific areas of knowledge and skill they feel are necessary to move from novice to highly competent professional. It also references key dimensions that have been identified by some of NCE's experienced urban partners about what teachers need to know and be able to do to be effective and resilient in urban turnaround schools. Effective teachers are desperately needed to make high need schools also high performing schools, to eliminate the achievement gap, and to enhance the life options of urban youth. In addressing issues of knowledge, skill and efficacy, this curriculum also aims to increase retention of excellent teachers in these schools.

APPROVALS: Senate Academic Planning Committee April 15, 2010
Faculty Senate April 21, 2010
Provost April 21, 2010

Current Program Authorizations: The M.Ed. in Urban Teaching is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois regions: Chicago, North Suburban, South Metropolitan, and West Suburban (NLU's four home campus regions).

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: June 2010

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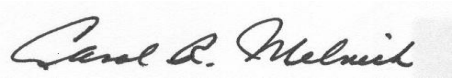

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Admission Criteria
Admission requirements are consistent with NCE Graduate Admission requirements with these additions:

1. Valid Illinois teaching certificate
2. 3.0 GPA in last 60 hours of last course work taken or a graduate degree
3. Accepted into the AUSL program through their interview process
4. Miller Analogies Test and references are waived per partnership agreement
5. AUSL pays student 40 dollar application fee

Residents accepted into the program will be expected to remain in good standing throughout the program at NLU, but are also evaluated regularly by AUSL and may be released from the program due to underperformance by either partner. The Office of Admissions and Records will be informed of any change in student status, so accurate records can be kept.

Program Courses
Two new courses were developed by the program team: EPS512 Culturally Responsive Classroom Environment: Building and Sustaining Identities of Achievement, and EPS513 Frameworks for Data Driven Instruction and the remaining courses are existing and were taken from programs across the college. This is an interdisciplinary program drawing upon the knowledge and skills from several departments.

Required Program Courses for M.Ed. Urban Teaching: 34SH Total

Course Code	Course Title	SH
	M.Ed. Core Courses	
EPS541	Cognition and Instruction	2
ESR505	Educational Inquiry and Assessment	3
FND511	Social and Cultural Politics of Education: Personal and Contextual Perspectives	3
	Foundations and Data Driven Instruction	
EPS512	Culturally Responsive Classroom Environment: Building and Sustaining Identities of Achievement	3
EPS513	Frameworks for Data Driven Instruction	2
RLR501	Teaching Beginning Reading	3
	Differentiated Instruction and Literacy	
RLR503	Teaching Content and Advanced Reading	3
SPE506	Frameworks and Perspectives in Special Education	3
SPE527	Individualized Curriculum and Instruction	3
TIE535	Instructional Design for Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum	3
	Teaching All Learners	
RLR502	Teaching Comprehension and Content Reading	3
RLR505	Reading and Language Arts Instruction of Linguistically Diverse Students (K-9)	3

IMPLEMENTATION

This new program needs to be entered into CAPP and Banner. This program is limited to students in partnership with AUSL at this time.

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

Faculty must return to SAPC if and when they want to offer the M.Ed. Urban Teaching with another partner and/or they want to offer the new degree program to students without a partnership.

If AUSL would ever go beyond our four home campus regions, or faculty want to offer the degree program outside our home campus regions, the Office of the Provost would need to be notified so that Chris Davis, Vice Provost of Institutional Research, can request approval from IBHE.

The 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, 2011-2012.