ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-7

DATE: **May 2010**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences**
Revised M.Ed. Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Program

RATIONALE: In response to the university's emphasis on continually improving programs, as well increasing enrollment for classes and programs, faculty revised the M.Ed. Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) program. Formerly, they had two concentrations, one in Adult Education Leadership and the other in Adult Literacy. The concentration courses and ACL530 Contemporary Issues are eliminated from the program, and a new course, ACL548 Community Literacy and Adult Education, is included. The new course gives all students some knowledge of literacy theory and background at the community level. Faculty believe that the addition of this new course will strengthen the curriculum and offer a well-rounded education for anyone in the broad arena of adult education.

The existing certificates offered by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education remain the same, and the Business-to-Business graduate delivery model is still offered. The department is now known as the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, instead of the Department of Adult and Community College Education.

APPROVAL: Senate Academic Planning Committee May 20, 2010

Current Program Authorizations: The M.Ed. Adult and Continuing Education program is authorized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to be offered in NLU's four home campus Illinois regions: Chicago, North Suburban, South Metropolitan and West Suburban. The M.Ed. ACE program is also approved to be offered as an online degree program.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall Term, 2010
For new M.Ed. ACE students starting on or after September 1, 2010

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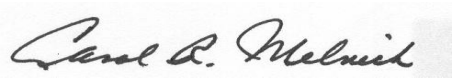

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New Course:
ACL548 Community Literacy and Adult Education 3SH

Courses eliminated from program but not the catalog:
ACL530 Contemporary Issues 3SH
ACL560RW Theoretical Foundations of Reading/Writing at the Postsecondary Level 3SH
ACL561RW Making the Reading/Writing Connection at the Postsecondary Level 3SH
ACL562RW Strategies for Teaching Reading and Writing at the Postsecondary Level 3SH
ACL563RW Analysis and Assessment of Reading and Writing at the Postsecondary Level 3SH
ACL590RW Internship for Teaching Reading and Writing at the Postsecondary Level 3SH

Revised M.Ed. Adult Education
Total 37 SH Remains the Same
Concentrations in Adult Education Leadership and Adult Literacy Eliminated

Course Code	**Course Title**	**SH**
Term 1		
ACL540	Introduction to Adult Education	1SH
ACL501	Foundations of Adult Education	3SH
ACL503	Adult Development and Learning	3SH
Term 2		
ACL535	Training and Adult Education in the Workplace	3SH
ACL533	Technology and Learning	3SH
Term 3		
ACL510	Instructional Design and Delivery	3SH
ACL522	Social and Cultural Context in Adult Education	3SH
Term 4		
ACL546	Research Methodology	3SH
ACL516	Program Planning *(Formerly in Term 5)*	3SH
Term 5		
ACL599C	Inquiry in Adult and Continuing Education	3SH
ACL548	Community Literacy and Adult Education *(New Course)*	3SH
Term 6		
ACL593	Integrative Seminar in Adult and Continuing Education	3SH
ACL590	Internships in Adult and Continuing Education	3SH
	TOTAL	**37 SH**

Teach-Out
There are two existing cohorts that will finish the "old" program. One cohort finishes Summer Term 2010 and the other cohort finishes Winter Term 2011. Students who do not finish with their cohort and want to return to complete their degree, need to follow university policy regarding re-entry, must work with an advisor, and complete the revised (not the "old") M.Ed. Adult Education program.

Implementation
Changes need to be entered in Banner, CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

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, 2011-2012.