ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-12

DATE: **June 2010**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**
College of Management and Business (CMB)

New Concentration in Aging Studies; currently this concentration is approved for students in the following programs:
B.A. Applied Behavioral Sciences (ABS)
B.S. Management (BSM)
B.S. Management Information Systems (BSMIS)
B.S. Health Care Leadership (HCL)

The Aging Studies Concentration fulfills general education and elective credit for existing degree programs. It is not a standalone degree or program and the concentration cannot be advertised to students outside of the above programs.

RATIONALE: Aging Studies is a high demand field. This concentration was developed for undergraduate students who are interested in Aging Studies and need several additional courses to complete the 180 QH for the degree. Courses also fulfill social science general education requirements.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee February 25, 2010
Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) May, 2010

Current Program Authorizations: The Concentration in Aging Studies is offered only in conjunction with the above approved programs in locations where those programs are approved to be offered, and online. ABS, BSM, BSMIS and HCL are 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. In addition the ABS and BSM are authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley; and Western. In addition, the BSMIS and HCL are authorized to be offered in this Illinois region: Fox Valley. In addition the BSM, BSMIS and HCL programs are also authorized to be offered online.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Summer Term, 2010

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Aging Studies Concentration Curriculum 15QH
All courses in the Aging Studies Concentration are offered in a 6-week (FOCUS) format and can be offered either online or face-to-face in the classroom. Face-to-face courses meet one night per week. Students may take one, two or all three courses listed for each concentration. Any NLU student can take these courses, **but in order for the concentration to be noted on the transcript**, **all three courses must be taken, and in conjunction with one of the 4 approved programs.**

LAS427 Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Aging for Professionals 5QH
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standards. The course topics will include important discussions for individuals interested in working in professions working with older adults.

LAS428 Serving the Aging Population for Professionals 5QH
This course will focus on understanding the aging process, myths about aging, multicultural issues, client rights, interpersonal communication skills, and accessing community resources.

LAS429 Societal Systems of Aging for Professionals 5QH
This course will provide students with ways in which to aid their clients in understanding the aging network, negotiating the long term care system, and accessing benefit information. The systems designed to serve aging adults will be considered from perspectives of the individual, organization, funding sources, and policy makers.

These 3 courses satisfy Social Science General Education Requirements.

Requirements for the Concentration in Aging Studies
- Each of the three upper-level courses in the concentration must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- All three courses in the concentration must be taken at National-Louis University. No transfer courses will be accepted.

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.