ACADEMIC ALERT #2010-15

DATE: **July 2010**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

New Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health

RATIONALE: The area of forensic science has become a popular area of study, and Department of Counseling and Human Services faculty believe that this is the time for National-Louis University to tap into this cutting edge field. A 15SH on-line Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health was created with a focus on the relationship between the mental health system and the law.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee, March 18, 2010
Higher Learning Commission (HLC), June 23, 2010
(Approval by HLC required because all of courses in certificate are new and not part of an existing program)

Current Program Authorizations: The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health is authorized to be offered online only.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall Term, 2011

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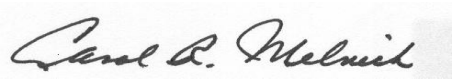

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Admission Criteria
For Admission Requirements to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health refer to the College of Arts and Sciences Counseling and Human Services program requirements in the catalog.

- No transfer courses are permitted
- Grade restrictions: a grade of "B" or better must be earned in each course

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health Online: 15SH

Course Code	Course Title	SH
HSC535	Introduction to Forensic Mental Health	3
HSC536	Clinical Forensic Interviewing and Diagnosis	3
HSC537	Evaluation and Treatment of the Juvenile and Adult Offender	3
HSC538	Mental Health and the Law	3
HSC539	Forensic Mental Health Capstone Project	3

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.