ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-05

DATE: **February 2011**

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

Revised Admission Criteria for M.A.T. Secondary Education

RATIONALE:
Due to a change in the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements for Secondary Education certification, 12SH of content course work must be upper division (300 level or higher) rather than the current requirement of 9SH.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee February 17, 2011

PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS: The M.A.T. Secondary 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. In addition the M.A.T. Secondary Education Program is authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley, Western, Central, and Prairie.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective for all new and pending M.A.T. Secondary Education applicants as of April 1, 2011.

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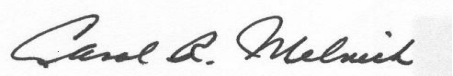

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The M.A.T. Secondary Education Program has 9 specific admission criteria. Currently, #6 is: "Broad-based courses and experiences in a discipline". In order to comply with ISBE, #6 must read: 32SH of coursework in a discipline to include 12SH of upper division (300 level or higher) courses.

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

Staff in the Registrar's Office, Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised catalog copy will be written by the Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs and submitted to the Vice Provost and program chair for review and approval for the next catalog, 2011-2012.