ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-11

DATE: **March 2011**

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

Revised Science Education Concentration in M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction (C&I)

RATIONALE: Over the past several years, students interested in the Science Education Concentration in the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction have expressed a need to have all their courses applicable to obtaining an Illinois middle school science endorsement. To that end, faculty have been modifying graduate plans to accommodate students. The science education faculty have decided to make the changes permanent. There are no new courses and the 18SH concentration enables students to be eligible for an Illinois middle school science endorsement.

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

CURRENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS: The M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction 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.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction is authorized to be offered in this Illinois region: Fox Valley

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Immediately

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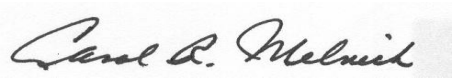

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Revised Concentration in Science Education (18SH)
Leads to Eligibility for a Middle School Science Endorsement

Course Code	Course Title	SH
SCE510	Physics for Teachers	3 (Formerly 2SH)
SCE511	Earth Science for Teachers	2
SCE512	Biological Science for Teachers	3 (Formerly 2SH)
SCE520	Applied Chemistry for Teachers	3 (Formerly 2SH)
SCE521	Astronomy for Teachers	3 (Formerly 2SH)
SCE525	Learning Science Using Informal Sites	2
SCE526	Advanced Informal Sites (Existing course added)	2

Courses Eliminated from Concentration and Catalog (UCOs need to be inactivated)

SCE504	Teaching Conceptual Development in Science	3SH
SCE593	Seminar in Science Education	3SH

IMPLEMENTATION

Changes need to be entered in Banner, and CAPP.

Changes must be made to all relevant NLU web pages.

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 catalog, 2012-2013.