ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-24

DATE: **August 2011**

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

Revised Admission Requirements M.A.T. Early Childhood Education

RATIONALE: Students who have completed an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education have already completed a general education core that was acceptable to their institution and state. It is the belief of the early childhood education department faculty that once students have completed general education requirements, and satisfied requirements for the undergraduate degree at another institution, they are fully prepared to enter the M.A.T. Early Childhood Education program if they meet the other NLU requirements for admission.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee August 8, 2011

Current Program Authorizations: The M.A.T. Early Childhood 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. Early Childhood Education program is authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley; Western; Prairie; and Central.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Fall term, 2011
For all new students applying on or after September 1, 2011

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Existing Admission Requirements
Applicants have their transcripts reviewed and are required to have a general education core that matches NLU's general education requirements, rather than those required by their undergraduate degree granting institution. If applicants are missing any NLU General Education core, they are required to take an undergraduate course to meet those "deficiencies." None of this assured faculty that they would be better teachers by taking that class.

Revised Admission Requirements
A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution now serves to indicate completion of general education requirements for applicants to the M.A.T. degree program in Early Childhood Education.

In addition, admission to the M.A.T. in Early Childhood Education program at National Louis University requires an official score report from the Miller Analogies Test and a passing score on the Illinois Test of Basic Skills in order to be accepted into the program.

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

Staff in the Registrar's Office, Admissions, Advising, 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 Office of the Provost and department/program chair for review and approval for the 2012-2013 catalog.