ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-28

DATE: **November 2011**

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

New Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement; Non-Degree Program

RATIONALE: The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) created the Teacher Leader Endorsement for certified teachers who provide professional development and function in leadership roles such as coaching in their schools, but are not school administrators and are not seeking Type 75 license. The new Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement offers students 18SH of content which may lead to a Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement through entitlement. NLU has been approved by ISBE to entitle candidates who meet requirements for the endorsement.

APPROVAL(S): Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Professional Preparation and Recertification Division: April 25, 2011
Senate Academic Planning Committee: October 20, 2011

CURRENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS: The Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement courses are authorized to be offered in NLU's four home campus Illinois regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective beginning November 15, 2011, including applicants who have previously completed all requirements for endorsement.

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Requirements for the Teacher Leader in Reading K-12 Endorsement

- Official transcript showing that the applicant has a Master's degree (if the master's degree is from NLU, an official copy is not necessary)
- Valid and active educator credentials (early childhood education, elementary, secondary, Special Type 10 certificate –both specialist and special education, or administrative certificate valid for teaching) Printout from ISBE, ECS
- Letter(s) signed by the chief administrator(s) or other designated officials of the employing school districts or nonpublic schools documenting that the applicant has no fewer than 4 semesters' experience as a "proven teacher leader" as designated by the Illinois Administrative Code 25.30(d)

The following courses (called a strand of courses by ISBE) have been approved by ISBE as being eligible for the Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement. Students must work with an academic advisor to determine which of the following courses they should take to total a minimum of 18SH. If any of these courses were taken as requirements towards an earned master's degree, no more than 3SH of such courses may be applied to this endorsement, and no such courses may be applied to a second master's degree or Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.). Otherwise courses from the endorsement may be applied towards a second master's degree or C.A.S. All courses must be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor.

Teacher Leader of Reading K-12 Endorsement: 18 SH		
Content Knowledge: Select 5-6 SH from the following:		
Course #	**Course Title**	**SH**
EDL528*	Maintaining Accountability with Data Use and Program Evaluation	2
RLL559	Comprehensive Literacy Model for School Improvement	2
RLL562	Reading Recovery: Research on the Acquisition of Literacy	3
RLL563	Reading Recovery: Models and Theories of Literacy Development	3
RLR516	Literacy Development in Middle School	3
Content Pedagogy: 4-6SH; Select one set of two courses from the following:		
Course #	**Course Title**	**SH**
RLL568A	Reading and Writing Interventions Practicum I	2
RLL569	Early Literacy Assessment	2
RLL561A	Reading Recovery: Practicum for Teacher Leader Part I	3
RLL561B	Reading Recovery: Practicum for Teacher Leader Part II	3
RLR502	Teaching Comprehension and Content Reading	3
RLR503	Teaching Content and Advanced Reading	3
RLR505	Reading and Language Arts Instruction of Linguistically Diverse Students (K-9)	2
RLL533	Language Development and Variation	2
Professional Development in Curriculum Design: Select 4-5SH from the following:		
Course #	**Course Title**	**SH**
RLL520	Survey of Literature for Children and Adolescents K-12	2
RLL528	Survey of Multicultural Literature K-12	2
RLL566A	Reading Recovery: Seminar in Reading Teacher Leadership I	2
RLL566B	Reading Recovery: Seminar in Reading Teacher Leadership II	2
RLL570	Literacy Coaching for School Improvement	3
RLR518	Leadership and Professional Development in Reading	3
RLR590	Internship/Reading Specialist	2
RLW551	Writing Across the Curriculum	2

Curriculum Implementation: Select 4-5SH from the following:		
Course #	**Course Title**	**SH**
EDL527*	Guaranteeing a Differentiated and Coherent Curriculum	2
RLL565	Intervention Designs for Struggling Readers and Writers	2
RLL566C	Reading Recovery: Seminar in Reading Teacher Leadership III	2
RLL568B	Reading & Writing Interventions Practicum II	2
RLL561C	Reading Recovery: Practicum for Teacher Leader Part III	3
*Must be admitted to the M.Ed. or Ed.S. Administration and Supervision program in order to take this course **Courses are selected with consent of advisor and total 18SH**		

Upon Completion of Coursework: Application for Teacher Leader in Reading Endorsement
Applications for the Teacher Leader in Reading Endorsement should never come directly from students but from NLU's Reading Department, (Mary Poparad). Once all requirements are checked by Mary Poparad, she will send the Office of Admissions and Records (OAR) a package that must include:

- Checklist/endorsement plan listing the courses to be used for the endorsement, found on the Reading Department Website completed by the candidate in consultation with an academic advisor
- 73-52 endorsement application completed by the candidate and signed by the Reading Department (Mary Poparad)
- Printout from ISBE, ECS showing valid and active educator credentials (early childhood education, elementary, secondary, Special Type 10 certificate –both specialist and special education, or administrative certificate valid for teaching)
- Letter(s) signed by the chief administrator(s) or other designated officials of the employing school districts or nonpublic schools documenting that the candidate has no fewer than 4 semesters' experience as a "proven teacher leader" as designated by the Illinois Administrative Code 25.30(d)
- Official transcript showing that the candidate has a Master's degree (if the master's degree is from NLU, an official copy is not necessary)

Implementation
The endorsement needs to be entered in Banner, CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

Staff in the Office of Admissions and Records, Advising, Enrollment Management, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the endorsement.

The catalog copy will be written by the Assistant Registrar for Catalogs based on the information provided in the academic alert.