# ACADEMIC ALERT #2012-01

**DATE:** **January 2012**

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

**Revised Admission Requirements For the Following programs:**
**MAT Elementary Education**
**M.A.T. Elementary Education Alternative Route to Certification (ARC)**
**M.A.T. Elementary Education Alternative Certification (AC)**
**M.A.T. Elementary Education Resident Teacher Program (RTP)**

**RATIONALE:** All candidates are evaluated for possible endorsements to the Elementary Education (K-9) Type 03 Certificate in the state of Illinois. Currently, an 18SH discipline (which may or may not be an endorsement) must also be identified. This is generally, but not always, the undergraduate major. It is not a state requirement to have a discipline. Therefore, it would streamline admissions processing to eliminate this step.

**APPROVAL(S):** Graduate A& R Council on November 23, 2011

**Current Program Authorizations:** The M.A.T. Elementary 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. Elementary Education program is authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley; Western; Prairie; and Central and Beloit/Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Effective Winter 2012
For all new students applying on or after September 1, 2011

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**Vice Provost**

**Existing Admission Requirements**
Applicants have their transcripts reviewed and are required to have an 18 SH discipline, which is usually, but not always, the major in their undergraduate degree. If applicants are missing any discipline courses, they are required to take undergraduate course(s) to meet those "deficiencies." None of this assures faculty that they would be better teachers by taking these additional courses.

**Revised Admission Requirements**
An 18SH discipline is no longer required for M.A.T. Elementary Education applicants.
All other admission requirements remain the same.

In addition, admission to the M.A.T. in Elementary Education program at National Louis University requires an official score report from the Miller Analogies Test and a passing score on the ICTS Test of Academic Proficiency 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.