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Dear NCE Student:

In July 2015, NLU's National College of Education (NCE) announced changes involving LiveText, the electronic assessment and portfolio system. NCE broadened its use of LiveText to include all programs and negotiated a price break for NLU students that held the fee to a one-time \$115 charge for new students and pro-rated charges for students already in progress in their programs. If you have not yet received a request to enroll in your LiveText account, an invitation will be forthcoming in a future term.

LiveText provides each student a consistent online location to post documents and videos that provide evidence of professional competence. The benefit to NLU candidates is that they will thereby have a portfolio of evidence that they can use to provide documentation of skillsets and professional achievements for future employers.

An additional major benefit of LiveText to students is that the platform enables NLU to sustain the highest level of programmatic accreditation available within the profession of education. The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) uses an evidence-based quality-assurance system that requires its institutional members to document work done by undergraduate and graduate education majors as indicators of professional growth and proficiency. To meet accreditation standards, NLU uses LiveText to organize the highly complex array of evidence demanded by the process.

As a founding member of the accrediting body that preceded CAEP historically, NLU's National College of Education has been affiliated with NCATE/CAEP accreditation as "The Standard of Excellence in Educator Preparation." Because NCE's faculty maintain a long-standing commitment to sustaining the value of an NLU degree as an emblem of professional quality, we ask you to understand that LiveText as an assessment system is a necessary tool that we use to assure the quality and reputation of your future alma mater.

We thank you for your understanding and participation as NCE uses LiveText to organize key assessments in your academic program.

With best wishes for your success,
The NCE Deans,
Director of the School of Teacher Preparation, and the
Director of the School of Advanced Professional Programs

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