



ACADEMIC ALERT #2005-20

DATE: November, 2005
DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)

Point of Information: M.A.T. Secondary Education Admission Changes

Rationale

The Secondary Education Department changed its admissions requirements to align them with the requirements already in place for entering a Secondary Education cluster. Previously, students could be admitted to the M.A.T. in Secondary Education Program after having completed only 26 of their 32 required hours of content area coursework and without having passed their State Content Area Test. However, these students would not be eligible to register for a cluster until they had completed all 32 hours of their coursework and passed their Content Area Test. This caused confusion among students who understandably thought that they were ready to register for a cluster because they had been admitted to the M.A.T. Program.

To prevent future confusion, the Secondary Education Department, effective spring 2006, has admission to the Program contingent upon a student's completing all 32 hours of their required content area coursework and passing the State Content Area Test. This brings admissions requirements in line with the requirements for registering for a cluster. As soon as students have been admitted to the Program, they can register for a cluster and begin to pursue their certification and degree.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: November 17, 2005
Faculty Senate Approval: Not needed; Point of Information.

Program Authorizations: The Secondary Education M.A.T. Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago, North Suburban, West Suburban, and South Metropolitan. It is also authorized to be offered in Wisconsin.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective for M.A.T. Secondary Education students starting cohorts Spring Quarter, 2006 or later.

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Criteria for admission to the M.A.T. in Secondary Education, with the two changes in bold type:

1. Baccalaureate degree from a Regionally Accredited Institution.
2. Written statement of academic and professional goals.
3. Miller Analogies Test (M.A.T.) or the General Aptitude section of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
4. Passing score on the Illinois Basic Skills Test.
5. **A passing score on the State Content Area Test.**
6. Three professional or academic references.
7. **The applicant must have completed all 32 semester hours of the required content area coursework with no grade less than a C in an area of specialization on an official transcript(s).**
8. Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in last 60 hours of coursework for full admission. GPA's between 2.5 and 2.9 will be considered for provisional admission on an individual basis.
9. Grade point average of 2.5 or better in area of certification.
10. Students wishing foreign language certification are required to take and pass an oral proficiency exam, the ACTFL. Due to the communicative nature of the program, students taking the ACTFL must receive a grade that falls in the advanced category. Scores are generally returned within 4 weeks.

Implementation

Changes must be made to Banner.

Changes must be made to the 2006-2007 catalog. (page 270 current 2005-2006 catalog)

Changes must be made to marketing materials and other materials.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and University Registrar Catalog Coordinator prior to posting of the academic alert. This ensures that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the 2006-2007 catalog.