



## **ACADEMIC ALERT #2006-22**

**DATE:** November, 2006

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

### **Addition of School Library Information Specialist (LIS) Endorsement**

#### **Rationale and Program Description**

The School Library Information Specialist (LIS) course sequence offers students 24 content area semester hours which may lead to a School Library Information Specialist endorsement through the state of Illinois. Additionally, the sequence prepares students to take the ICTS Code 175 Library Information Specialist content area exam. Students who have not taken MLE 500 The Middle School: An Overview (3sh) or its equivalent, and MLE 502 Middle School Curriculum (3sh) or its equivalent, will be required to do so to be eligible for the endorsement. Only Illinois certified teachers holding initial or standard certificates will qualify for the endorsement. Students do not have to be admitted to an NLU program to take these courses. However, these courses may be used as elective credit toward several graduate degrees programs, including Language and Literacy (M.Ed., M.S.Ed., and C.A.S.). Thus, the Language and Literacy Program becomes attractive to a new audience (i.e., public librarians) who might not have previously considered NLU.

Built into the course sequence are practicum hours that allow students to apply coursework to context in the school library. The NCE Graduate Council has approved the basic School Library Information Specialist courses needed to begin this journey. Courses in Reading, Technology in Education, and others that are approved electives, cover the content area standards of information access and delivery, teaching and learning, and program administration.

**Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: September 21, 2006**

**Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Required**

**Program Authorizations:** The School Library Information Specialist endorsement courses are authorized to be offered in the following Illinois regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Immediately**

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### New Courses

RLS 510	Introduction to School Libraries; 2 SH
RLS 511	School Library Collection Development; 2 SH
RLS 512	Administration and Advocacy of School Libraries; 2 SH
RLS 513	Organization of Knowledge for Library Materials for Children and Youth; 2 SH
RLS 591	Supervised Experience in School Libraries; 1-2 variable SH

### School Library Information Specialist (LIS) Endorsement: Minimum 24 SH

As of July 1, 2006, the LIS endorsement requires a minimum of 24 semester hours in the content area, 6 semester hours in middle school methods and philosophy, and successful completion of the ICTS Code 175 Library Information Specialist content area exam. Only Illinois certified teachers holding initial or standard certificates will qualify for the endorsement.

#### Required School Library Information Specialist (LIS) Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
RLS 510	Introduction to School Libraries	2
RLS 511	School Library Collection Development	2
RLS 512	Administration and Advocacy of School Libraries	2
RLS 513	Organization of Knowledge for Library Materials for Children and Youth	2
RLS 591	Supervised Experiences in School Libraries (must take 2sh; may take 1sh for one quarter; and 1sh another)	1-2 variable
	<b>Total SH</b>	<b>10</b>

#### Required Content Courses from Reading and Language Program

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
RLR 502	Teaching Comprehension and Content Reading	3
RLL 520 <b>OR</b>	Survey of Literature for Children and Adolescents (K-12) <b>OR</b>	2 <b>OR</b>
RLL 528	Survey of Multicultural Literature K-12	2
RLL 532	Integrating the Language Arts in the Classroom	2
	<b>Total SH</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Required Content Courses from Technology in Education Program

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
TIE 536	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum <b>OR</b>	3 <b>OR</b>
TIE 542	Learning Experiences on the Internet K-12 <b>And</b>	2 <b>And</b>
TIE 553	Digital Images and Video as Classroom Resources	1
	<b>Total SH</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Electives: 4 SH

4 sh of electives, depending on background and earlier coursework, to be approved by advisor to meet Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) content area standards to total a minimum of 24 semester hours in the content area.
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### Implementation

New courses need to be built in Banner.

Reading and Language faculty, Offices of the Registrar, Admissions, and staff in Enrollment, Marketing, and Recruitment need to be knowledgeable about these changes and updates.

The School Library Information Specialist endorsement courses need to be added to the next catalog, 2007-2008. The revised catalog copy must 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 2007-2008 catalog.