



## **UPDATED ACADEMIC ALERT #2008-19**

**DATE:** November 2008; **Updated June 2009**  
**DECISION:** National College of Education (NCE)

**Addition of M.A.T. Special Education Learning Behavior Specialist I Alternative Certification (LBSI AC) program**  
**LBSI AC is a new delivery model option in the M.A.T. Special Education LBSI program**

### **Rationale**

The addition of Learning Behavior Specialist I Alternative Certification (LBSI AC), as a delivery model option in the M.A.T. Special Education LBSI program will help in keeping one of NCE's most important partners: Chicago Public Schools. Chicago Public Schools have asked NCE to develop this Alternative Certification Program for LBSI, because their real need is in staffing classrooms with Special Education teachers. This program will allow candidates to become the teacher of record in special education classrooms with a Provisional Alternative Certificate.

This program clearly fits the mission of the college and university as it serves the underserved and addresses urban education. An Alternative Certification Program can only be offered in partnership per the Illinois School Code on Alternative Certification programs. **Approved by NLU in October, 2008, the program was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in May, 2009.**

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: October 16, 2008

Faculty Senate and Provost Approvals: Not Required

**Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Approval: May 21, 2009**

**Program Authorizations:** The M.A.T. in Special Education LBSI program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago, North Suburban, West Suburban, South Metropolitan, Fox Valley, Central, Prairie, and Western.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Summer Term, 2009**

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**Admission Requirements for the M.A.T. Special Education Learning Behavior Specialist I Alternative Certification (LBSI AC) Program**

Admission requirements are the same as the M.A.T. in Special Education LBSI with the exception that for the M.A.T. Special Education LBS I AC, the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), and written statement are waived. Students must also take and pass the content test in LBSI.

**M.A.T. Special Education Learning Behavior Specialist I Alternative Certification (LBSI AC)**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>SH</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
SPE 500	Introduction to Exceptional Children and Adolescents/Special Education	3
SPE 507	Social/Emotional Development, Teaching, and Support	3
SPE 509	Clinical Literacy	3
<b>Fall Term</b>		
SPE 523	Diagnosis & Remediation of Mathematics Disabilities/Special Education	3
SPE 592C	Practicum/Teaching Children and Adolescents with Special Needs	2
<b>Winter Term</b>		
SPE 501	Educational and Diagnostic Assessment of Exceptional Children and Adolescents	3
SPE 502	Language Development and Challenges in Children & Adolescents	2
SPE 592C	Practicum/Teaching Children and Adolescents with Special Needs	2
<b>Spring Term</b>		
SPE 508	Critical Literacy for Students with Disabilities	3
SPE 527	Individualized Curriculum and Instruction	3
SPE 592C	Practicum/Teaching Children and Adolescents with Special Needs	2
		<b>Total Hours for Certification</b>
		<b>29</b>
<b>In addition to the courses listed above, in order to fulfill the requirements for the M.A.T. Special Education degree students must take and successfully complete the following courses</b>		
SPE 503	Collaborative and Consultative Teaming and Teaching	3
SPE 506	Frameworks and Perspectives in Special Education	3
SPE 545	Assistive Technology (Technology for Special Education)	2
EPS 511	Human Learning & Development in Instructional Contexts	3
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers	3
FND 510	Social Justice Perspectives on the History and Philosophy of United States (USA) Education	3
		<b>Total Additional Hours for Degree</b>
		<b>17</b>
		<b>Total Hours for Degree</b>
		<b>46</b>

**Implementation**

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed for the M.A.T. Special Education LBSI AC and added to NLU's website.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the 2010-2011 catalog.