



## **ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-03**

**DATE:** March 2007  
**DECISION:** National College of Education (NCE)

### **Ed.D. Disability and Equity in Education (DEE) Doctoral Program Reduction in Total Hours for the Degree from 63 SH to 57 SH**

The Disability and Equity in Education Doctoral Program faculty is reducing the number of program semester hours (SH) for the degree from 63 SH to 57 SH, beginning Spring Quarter, 2007 and retroactively applying this reduction to students currently admitted to the program. The reduction will be limited to the number of elective hours the students are required to take, reducing those hours from 15 SH to 9 SH, and will not affect students' requirements in the program courses or the doctoral core.

#### **Rationale**

Reduction of the total number of hours for the DEE Doctoral program makes it more marketable and improves the quality and focus of the program.

**NCE Doctoral Planning Committee Approval: January 8, 2007**  
**Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: March 15, 2007**  
**Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Required**  
**Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not Required**

**Program Authorizations:** The Disability and Equity in Education Doctoral Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 1, 2007**

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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**Vice Provost**

## **Implementation**

All changes must be reflected in Banner and CAPP.

DEE faculty must advise current students about the changes in elective hours. Students must be adequately informed via email and if needed, telephone communication.

DEE faculty must work with the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is correctly prepared and ready for the next catalog. The section called minor concentration needs to be changed to electives.