



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-05

DATE: March 2007; **Updated General Education Requirements**
Effective January 2010

DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)
Revised General Education Requirements for B.A. Elementary Education
Updates Academic Alert #2006-11 June, 2006 for
B.A. Elementary Education Program

Rationale

The changes bring the general education requirements in B.A. ELE in line with the University's general education core of 60 QH. The B.A. ELE degree also has 18 QH of general education requirements beyond the NLU general education core of 60 QH, for a total of 78 QH. This is from 84 QH. The revised program enhances the curriculum in the preparation of teachers.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: February 15, 2007

Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Needed

Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not Needed

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Elementary Education 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 Quarter 2007 (June 25, 2007). Any student who has not started taking coursework in the ELE major sequence by this date will be responsible for the revised program and revised general education requirements per this academic alert.

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The following general education and foundational courses are eliminated for ELE and remain in the catalog:

AHG 105, Science of Health and Nutrition

LAE 314, History of the English Language

ELE 220, Methods of Drama, ELE 222, Methods of Art or ELE 224, Methods of Music

The following foundational courses are added:

ELE 345, Methods of Teaching Arts (new course)

ELE 347, Methods of Teaching Health and PE (new course)

General education requirements have decreased from a total of 84 QH to 78 QH (60 core university general education requirements plus 18 general education requirements specific to B.A. ELE).

**Revised General Education Core Requirements for B.A. ELE: 60 QH
Effective March 2007**

Required Courses for B.A. ELE	QH
Communications – 3 courses	
2 Writing Courses	10
1 Speech Course	5
Humanities – 1 course	
1 Humanities Elective	5
Fine Arts – 1 course	
1 Fine Arts Elective	5
<i>Can be 4 QH</i>	
Intro to Art (2 QH)	
Intro to Music (2 QH)	
Quantitative Reasoning/ Mathematics – 2 courses	
Math Content for Teachers I	5
Math Content for Teachers II	5
*Physical & Life Sciences – 2 courses	
1 Biology Course	5
1 Physical Science	5
Social Science – 2 courses	
1 US History Course	5
1 American Politics Course	5
Behavioral Science – 1 course	
1 Developmental Psychology	5

***One Course must have a lab.**

General Education Core Requirements for B.A. ELE: 60 QH - Effective January 2010

Required Courses for B.A. ELE	QH
Communications – 3 courses	
LAE 101: English Comp I, or equivalent	5
LAE 102: English Comp II, or equivalent	5
LAT 210: Effective Speaking, or equivalent	5
Humanities – 1 course	
1 Humanities Elective	5

Required Courses for B.A. ELE	QH
Fine Arts – 1 course Introductory Art and /or Introductory Music course <i>Can be 4 QH</i> Intro to Art (2 QH) Intro to Music (2 QH)	5
Quantitative Reasoning/ Mathematics – 2 courses LAM 112: Math Content for Teachers I, or equivalent LAM 213: Math Content for Teachers II, or equivalent	5 5
*Physical & Life Sciences – 2 courses LAN 110: General Biology, or equivalent * LAN 150: Survey of Physical Science, or equivalent*	5 5
Social Science – 2 courses 1 US History Course LAS 120: American Politics, or equivalent	5 5
Behavioral Science – 1 course 1 Developmental Psychology	5

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Additional 18 QH of Specific General Education Requirements for B.A. ELE

Required Courses	QH
Science electives	8
Literature elective	5
Non-Western/Third World Cultures Course (must be social science)	5

Revised B.A. Elementary Education Program

Bachelor of Arts (B.A)			
Existing Program	QH	Revised Program	QH
Existing General Education Requirements	84	Revised General Education Requirements	78
		Drop LAE 314	(5)
		Drop AHG 105	(3)
Foundational Studies	18	Foundational Studies	24
ELE 200 Elementary Education: Practicum I	2	ELE 300 Elementary Ed: Practicum I Seminar/Field Experience	4
ELE 315 History & Philosophy of Education	3	ELE 315 History & Philosophy of Education	3
ELE 220/222/224 Methods of Arts Education	2	ELE 345 Methods of Teaching Arts Education	3
		ELE 347 Methods of Teaching Health and Physical Education	3
TIE 300 Intro Technology in the Classroom	3	TIE 300 Introduction to Technology in the Classroom	3
SPE 300 Survey Exceptional Children	5	SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children	5
EPS 301 Educational Psych for Teachers	3	EPS 301 Educational Psychology for Teachers	3

Professional Sequence/ELE Major	36	Professional Sequence/ELE Major	38
ELE 450 Elementary Ed: Practicum II	4	ELE 410 Elementary Ed: Practicum II Seminar	3
		ELE 415 Elementary Ed: Practicum II Field Experience	2
ELE 460 Elementary Ed: Practicum III	4	ELE 420 Elementary Ed: Practicum III Seminar	3
		ELE 425 Elementary Ed: Practicum III Field Experience	2
RLL 480A Methods of Teaching Reading and Language Arts	5	RLL 480A Methods of Teaching Reading and Language Arts	5
CIS 480A Methods of Teaching Social Studies	4	CIS 480A Methods of Teaching Social Studies	4
MHE 480A Methods of Teaching Mathematics	4	MHE 480A Methods of Teaching Mathematics	4
SCE 480A Methods of Teaching Science	3	SCE 480A Methods of Teaching Science	3
ELE 470 Elementary Ed: Student Teaching	12	ELE 470 Elementary Ed: Student Teaching	12
Teaching Concentration	30	Teaching Concentration	30
Electives	12	Electives	10
		MLE 300: Middle School Overview	5
		MLE 302: Middle School Curriculum	5
Total	180	Total	180

Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Students must be properly advised.

Marketing materials for the revised B.A. Elementary Education Program need to be developed.

Transfer Guides and the NLU Transfer Guide Web pages must be updated and the revisions communicated to our Community College Partners.

The revised catalog copy must be submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalog Coordinator to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog.

The updated General Education requirements effective Winter 2010 need to be in the 2010-2011 catalog and the Transfer Guides need to be updated on the NLU Transfer Guide web site.