



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-19

DATE: June 2007
DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

**Addition of New Certificate to Adult Continuing and Literacy Education (ACLE)
Department
Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges Certificate**

Rationale

The Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges Certificate in the Department of Adult Continuing and Literacy Education (ACLE) is designed to increase the teaching effectiveness of community college faculty. Chicago City Colleges has been involved with this idea from its inception and is an enthusiastic partner for the endeavor.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: June 21, 2007
Faculty Senate Approval: Point of Information; Not Required
Provost Approval: Point of Information; Not Required

Program Authorizations: Programs in ACLE are authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall, 2007.

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The Program

Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges Certificate

ACLE's Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges Certificate is designed to deepen community college faculty's knowledge pertinent to teaching and learning with 13 credit hours of coursework that includes adult development and learning, the use of technology, instructional communication, and program development/planning. Courses are highly interactive and provide participants with a foundation of instructional theories, skills, and practices to support existing professional development efforts in community colleges. Emphasis is placed on addressing pedagogical issues and building communities of learners.

The certificate is intended for all faculty and instructional leaders in community colleges, regardless of their specific disciplines or fields of specialization. The curriculum is also appropriate for faculty supervisors who make decisions about classroom instruction.

The program is cohort based with a blended format combining face-to-face and online instruction. An introductory seminar assists to customize the subsequent coursework based on the needs and content areas of the participants. Student participation in coursework entails attendance at four face-to-face sessions during each academic quarter, with the remainder of class work taking place via online discussion and through exchange of documents.

Teaching and Learning in Community Colleges Certificate: Total 13 SH

Course Code	Course Title	SH
First Term		
ACL505	Introduction to Teaching in a College Setting	1
ACL503	Adult Development and Learning	3
Second Term		
ACL532	Technology for Higher Education	3
ACL510	Instructional Communications	3
Third Term		
ACL516	Program Planning and Administration	3

The credits earned in the Certificate can be applied towards the M.Ed. in Adult Continuing and Literacy Education (Adult Education Leadership Concentration or Adult Literacy Concentration). Students completing the M.Ed. would then be eligible to apply for either the Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) or the Community College Leadership (CCL) Doctoral programs.

Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed for this new certificate, and the certificate needs to be added to ACLE's other certificates on 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 next catalog 2008-2009.