



## **ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-21**

**DATE:** August, 2007  
**DECISION:** College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

**Revised M.A. Psychology (MAP) Certificates**

**Revisions to Two MAP Certificates:**  
**Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Health**  
**Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Human Development**

### **Rationale**

The curriculum for the two certificates was updated to better meet the needs of students.

**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:** The M.A. Psychology Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; South Metropolitan and Fox Valley. The M.A. Psychology program is also authorized at the NLU campus in Florida.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 2007**

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## Revised Certificates

Currently, the Psychology program in the College of Arts and Sciences offers five graduate certificates to students who have a bachelor's degree with coursework in psychology. Revisions are being made to two of the five graduate certificates. These are:

Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Health; and  
Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Human Development

### Revised Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Health

Course Code	Course Title	QH/SH
LAP520	Biological Bases of Behavior	5/3
LAP530	Health Psychology	5/3
LAP535	Psychopharmacology	5/3
LAP501	Introduction to Psychological Assessment <i>Replaces LAP545, Pain Management</i>	5/3

### Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Human Development

Course Code	Course Title	QH/SH
LAP542	Later Adulthood and Aging	5/3
LAP507	Theories of Cognitive Psychology	5/3
LAP518	Child and Adolescent Development	5/3
LAP506	Advanced Human Development <i>Replaces LAP508, Interpersonal Development</i>	5/3

#### One Course Revision for the Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Health

Pain management is a topic that must be included in discussions that occur in the other three courses offered in the Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Health. Therefore, this course does not add value to the students' understanding of Health Psychology. Since pain management, drug use or abuse, the interaction between physiology and psychology, and interpreting behavior requires some form of assessment technique, the Psychology faculty believes the students are better served by a course in Psychological Assessment.

#### One Course Revision for the Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Human Development

The Interpersonal Development course that is currently being offered in the Graduate Certificate in Psychology: Human Development, although an important class which is appropriate for a full program in Developmental Psychology, was not deemed as appropriate for a Certificate meant to familiarize the student with the most basic elements of Human Development. The course, Advanced Human Development, gives the student the broad perspective of developmental issues across the lifespan that are needed in that most basic understanding of this concentration area

#### Deleted Courses for Revised Certificates; Effective Fall 2007; Courses Remain Active

LAP545, Pain Management 5QH/3SH

LAP508, Interpersonal Development 5QH/3SH

#### Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials and the NLU web page(s) for the two certificates need to be updated to reflect the revisions.

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, 2008-2009.