

EXACT CURRENT CATALOG COPYAlternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification

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EXACT CATALOG COPY FOR NEW CERTIFICATEPost-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate for Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification

The Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate for Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification is a 28-hour program leading to an initial teaching certificate for secondary school teachers in the State of Illinois. Required for admission is completion of a Graduate Admissions Application (sent to the Admissions Office), (b) 2 official transcripts from a regionally accredited college or university with either a baccalaureate or graduate degree with a major in an identified high area of need (sent to the Admissions Office), (c) 5 years satisfactory work experience in an area related to the academic major, (d) a passed criminal background check and tuberculosis test, and (e) a passed latest version of the Illinois State Enhanced Basic Skills test, including the appropriate content area knowledge test, and any other mandated state assessments in effect for new teachers. The course of study requires satisfactory completion of the following courses: C&I 429.05, 429.06, 493.14, 493.15, SED 411, C&I 498.50 Professional Practice, and a discipline-specific special methods course. Information on admission is available from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

REQUEST FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROGRAM TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A POST-BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

In 2000, prior to the University establishing regulations for graduate certificate programs, the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Department, sent through the curricular process and had approved the Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification program. In the Fall of 2002, revisions to that program were approved through the curricular process. This is a request to have that approved program re-classified as a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate. Attached is a copy of the cover sheet for the latest revision with the appropriate signatures. Below are the answers to necessary elements for a new graduate certificate.

Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate for Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher CertificationInstitution, Department, Program Title

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Illinois State University proposes reclassification of the current Alternative Route program to a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate. According to the guidelines, a post-baccalaureate certificate requires a minimum of 18 hours beyond the baccalaureate degree but less than a master's degree. The previously approved program meets these criteria.

Date of Implementation

It is proposed that the change be implemented at the time of approval by the Academic Senate but no later than the publication of the 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog. All courses for the certificate are currently being offered.

Description of Program

<i>Course Requirements for the Certificate</i>	<i>Credit Hours Required</i>
C&I 429.05	4
C&I 429.06	2
C&I 493.14	2
C&I 493.15	2
SED 411	3
C&I 498.50 Professional Practice	12
Discipline-specific special methods course	<u>3</u>

28 hours

Rationale for Proposal

The original proposal approved in 2000 and its subsequent revisions in 2002 would have included a request for approval as a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate had the regulation been in place at the time. While the Alternative Route program had been “nested” within a masters degree originally, it was determined that a degree program was not the appropriate delivery mechanism. Requiring less than a master’s degree, the program fit most appropriately within the new Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate structure.

Expected Impact of Proposal on Existing Programs

There would be no adverse impact of this course of study on existing campus programs. It has been offered and was approved previously through the curricular process.

Anticipated Staffing/Funding Needs

There is no new staffing or funding necessary to reclassify the course of study as a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate.