Eastern Illinois University  
New Course Proposal  
EDU 4560, Alternative Certification: Internship, Part I

1. Catalog Description
   a. Course number: EDU 4560  
   b. Title: Alternative Certification: Internship, Part I  
   c. Meeting times and credit: (1-6-7)  
   d. Terms to be offered: F  
   e. Short title: ALT CERT INT I  
   f. Course description: This course is the first semester of a 2-semester internship. The course is a required component of the academically rigorous, intensive Alternative Certification Program.  
   g. Prerequisites: Grade of “B” or better in EDU 4550, EDU 4551, EDU 4552, and EDU 4553.

2. Objectives and Evaluation of the Course
   a. Objectives:  
      1. Students apply the theory and practice gained from their intensive course of study in pedagogy and methods as actual teachers, assisted by mentors.  
   b. General Education: not applicable  
   c. Student Assessment: Credit/No-Credit  
   d. Graduate level: not applicable  
   e. Writing course: not applicable

3. Outline of the Course
   a. Students will serve as full-time teachers for the entire fall semester at a school district that has hired them specifically for this purpose. A series of seminars will be offered through a combination of web-based and in-person delivery. These seminars are designed to support the teachers, and topics may vary, based on an ongoing assessment of candidates’ progress and needs as identified through the candidate’s Individualized Professional Development Plan (see excerpt of the plan in the course proposal for EDU 4550).  
   b. N/A

Initial Planned Seminar Topics

On-Campus Seminars (attended by candidates and their mentors)
   • Building character (includes classroom management and student motivation)  
   • Engaging students in critical thinking

Web-Based Seminars (completed by candidates in consultation with their mentors)
   • Serving special populations  
   • Communicating with parents  
   • Organizing, managing time and developing record-keeping systems
4. Rationale:
   a. Purpose and need: Addresses the internship requirement in accordance with Illinois School Code 105 IULCS 5/21-5c for Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs in the state of Illinois. Students who successfully complete course prerequisites will be issued a one-year nonrenewable provisional alternative teaching certificate that makes them eligible to begin this internship, which comprises the second phase of the program.
   b. Justification of the level of the course and a list of all prerequisites: The course is designed for students who have at minimum a bachelor’s degree, plus five years of experience in the area in which they seek teacher certification.
   c. Similarity to existing courses and/or effect upon programs in other departments: NONE
   d. Impact on Program: This course is a required component of the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Program at Eastern Illinois University.

5. Implementation
   a. Faculty Member(s): Virtually any faculty member involved in teacher preparation could teach the course; it will likely be taught the first year by Jim Kestner, Alt. Cert. Program Coordinator.
   b. Costs: No additional Costs to Students
   c. Texts: None
   d. Term to be first offered: Fall 2003

5. Community College Transfer: Not applicable
6. Date approved by the Department N/A
7. Date approved by the College of Education 10/21/02
8. Date approved by CAA 11/21/02