Eastern Illinois University

New Course Proposal

EDU 4570, Alternative Certification: Candidate Assessment

1. Catalog Description
   a. Course number: EDU 4570
   b. Title: Alternative Certification: Candidate Assessment
   c. Meeting times and credit: (1-1-1)
   d. Terms to be offered: SU
   e. Short title: ALT CERT ASSESS
   f. Course description: This course is the comprehensive candidate assessment that is the final required component of the academically rigorous, intensive Alternative Certification Program.
   g. Prerequisites: Successful completion of EDU 4560 and EDU 4561.

2. Objectives and Evaluation of the Course
   a. Objectives:
      1. Candidates will demonstrate that they have met all requirements for the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Program.
      2. Candidates who complete this course successfully will be recommended to ISBE by CEPS for awarding of the Illinois initial teaching certificate in the candidate’s selected content area.
   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. Candidates shall provide evidence of meeting all state standards for teacher certification as evidenced by their completed Individualized Professional Development Plan (see excerpt from the plan in course proposal for EDU 4550). Candidates will complete and submit electronic portfolios, design research and analyze data that is related to the ongoing longitudinal research that is an important part of the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Program. Candidates will also undergo interviews as part of the assessment and will have responsibility for making presentations to the cohort of candidates who have begun Phase I of their own alternative certification program. The presentations serve both as a vehicle for assessing candidates’ abilities to communicate effectively and as a means for providing each new cohort of candidates with qualitative feedback that might help them achieve the greatest success possible through their involvement in the program.
   b. N/A
4. Rationale:
   a. Purpose and need: Addresses the comprehensive assessment 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 this course shall be deemed to have met all requirements for obtaining the Illinois initial teaching certificate in the candidate’s selected content area.
   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: Summer 2004

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 12/5/02