

02-05

Req. Effective Date: Fall 2003

TO: Council on Teacher Education

FROM: Kathlene S. Shank, Chair
Special Education

RE: Attached Proposal

Date: February 12, 2002

Early last Fall, representatives of our Department Curriculum Committee examined the ASEP modules carefully before the Department Curriculum Committee arrived at the collective professional opinion that the ASEP modules do not adequately assure these important core standards are met. Learners with disabilities are being placed in regular classrooms with increasing regularity; all learners need teachers who are appropriately prepared.

When COTE discussed ASEP changes last Fall, Dr. Hooser raised our issues relative to the State of Illinois Core Special Education Standards for All Teachers and the ASEP modules.

We have also examined the INTASC draft standards specific to Special Education for all teachers and it is obvious the standards for regular educators are increasingly high at both the State and National level.

We believe it is the faculty of our Department who are best prepared to present the content of our discipline to teachers. We are therefore requesting the change in the ASEP Program as indicated on the attached sheet specific to catalog changes.

We appreciate the concern that if SPE 3500 is required, we have added 3 s.h. to ASEP. A suggestion we would have is that the content of EDF 2555 could be incorporated into ASEP and those 3 s.h. could then be replaced by SPE 3500. Given Secondary and Education has the EDF 2555 expertise this should be very doable.

cc: Dean Hitch
Dr. M. Butt

FROM: Kathlene S. Shank, Chair,
Special Education

RE: Changes in ASEP Program to Assure Illinois Core Content Standards in State
of Illinois and INTASC Special Education for All Teachers Are Met

By action of the Curriculum Committee of the Department of Special Education, we propose the Alternate Secondary Education Program (ASEP) be modified as follows to assure the Illinois Core Content Standards of our discipline are met by individuals completing ASEP: column one, under subheading "ASEP Program Courses:"

Insert as shown below:

Special Education 3500...3 s.h.

Catalog copy, column 1, page 89, 2001—2002 catalog:

ASEP Program Courses

# Secondary Education 2000 ¹	1 sem. hr.
Educational Foundations 2555	3 sem hrs.
Secondary Education 3000 ²	3 sem hrs.
Secondary Education 3100 ²	3 sem hrs.
Departmental Methods 3400 ³	3—6 sem hrs.
Special Education 3500	3 sem hrs.
Secondary Education 4000 ¹	3 sem hrs.
Student Teaching 4001.....	12 sem hrs.
Total	31—34 sem hrs.

Special Note: The Student Teaching part of the above proposal was agreed to previously. Secondary Education has submitted a revised Secondary Education 4000 course proposal.

Proposal Approved:

Special Education Curriculum Committee

January 16, 2002
Date