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Dear NJCU Graduate Student:

Changes in the M.A. in Urban Education with a specialization in Educational Administration and Supervision, and Certification as a Principal and Supervisor, degree program were approved by the Board of Trustees in their meeting of April 20, 2009. The revised degree requirements call for a net reduction in the required credits by six. In addition to the credit reduction above, changes in the applicable New Jersey DOE administrative codes impact whether or not a "current active graduate student" enrolled in an Educational Leadership program at NJCU has the option to follow the old or new program requirements. (A "current active graduate student" is one who is already matriculated, conditionally admitted, or pursuing certification or Courses Only in Educational Leadership.)

A copy of the old (42 credit) and new (36 credit) program requirements can be found online at the Educational Leadership & Counseling Website http://www.njcu.edu/graduate/academics/grad_leader.asp.

These changes will become effective July 1, 2009, and are impacted by: (a) the student's date of matriculation; (b) date of student's program completion and filing, and (c) the following courses:

- o EDLD 659 Planning Management of Technology in Schools
- o EDLD 685 Foundations of Policy a & Political Systems in Urban Schools
- o EDLD 601 School Law
- o EDLD 681 School Finance
- o EDLD 693 (an elective under the old program, but a required second Internship under the new program)

1. Consequently, students beginning the master's program on or after July 1, 2009 will follow the new 36-credit program requirements.

Current active graduate students will be affected as follows:

2. A current active graduate student matriculated and enrolled before September 1, 2008 may elect to complete either the old or new degree requirements, as long as the student has not already completed all four of the following courses: EDLD 659, EDLD 685, EDLD 601 and EDLD 681. If the old program is selected, EDLD 693 is NOT required. The student must complete the old program and file for certification by December 31, 2011, or the new program requirements must be completed.

3. A current active graduate student matriculated and enrolled before September 1, 2008 who has already completed all four of the following courses: EDLD 659, EDLD 685, EDLD 601 and EDLD 681, must complete the old degree requirements and file for certification by December 31, 2011. If the student does not complete the old program and file for certification by December 31, 2011, the new program requirements must be completed.

4. A current active graduate student matriculated and enrolled on or after September 1, 2008 must complete the new program requirements.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS

You are required to acknowledge the above changes and options by providing the information requested on the enclosed form and returning it by U.S. mail, using the return postage-paid envelope addressed to the Dean's office. (Please make a copy for your own records.) Please address any questions to me at sphifer@njcu.edu

Your mailing must be postmarked not later than June 30, 2009.

*NOTE: Current active graduate students who are eligible to select an option, but who do not communicate it by the deadline, will forfeit their option and will be required to complete the new degree program.

Sincerely,
Susan Phifer, Ed.D
Educational Leadership, Chair

