

## Request for Action by COTE

Effective February 1, 2012, the Illinois State Board of Education will no longer allow us to use any grade lower than a "C" in a candidates educator preparation program – this includes general education, professional education, major courses, and electives that are counted toward graduation from an educator preparation program. This change will impact candidates regardless of what catalog they are under if they do not graduate and seek certification prior to the February 2012 deadline.

Action Requested (Proposed Language) to be placed in catalog and academic handbook in section on teacher education:

All students graduating after December 2011 with a teacher certification major must receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses, regardless where they are taken, used toward graduation including general education, professional education, major and minor courses, all university required courses, and electives. Furthermore, any course used for the purpose of adding endorsements to a teaching certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

All post baccalaureate teacher certification candidates completing a teacher certification program after December 2011 must receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses, regardless where they are taken, used toward completion of the program. Furthermore, any course used for the purpose of adding endorsements to a teaching certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Questions/Issues to resolve:

- 1) C- coursework received in transfer
- 2) IAI and Associate Degree language
- 3) Degree Audit