

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Secondary Science Teacher Certification
ILAS 301: SECOND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Application Form and Guidelines: Spring 2010

Course Description:

ILAS 301 is a 40-hour clinical observation course designed to focus upon issues in adolescent development and learning relevant to successful teaching of the subject discipline; 20 hours are completed at the high school level, 20 hours at the middle school level. In both cases, students work with teachers of the subject which they are preparing to teach. Important issues at this level include middle school philosophy and teaming, multiculturalism, learning styles, and gender issues in instruction. Students will attend six seminars and complete related assignments which address these issues.

Important Note:

The teacher certification programs in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences prepare students to become exceptional professionals. As a student in a teacher certification program at Northern Illinois University, you are a representative of the university in the public schools. You are permitted in the schools as prospective teachers because the teachers and administrative staff of those schools have confidence in the quality of our programs. Students exhibiting unprofessional behavior in the clinical will be removed from the course.

You need to know the following before you register for the course:

1. **The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Office of Teacher Certification is responsible for your School placements.** Your high school and middle school assignments may be in two different districts. You may have to travel an hour or more to your sites. Every effort will be made to avoid this situation, but there is no guarantee that your school placements will be close to your home. Please note that you do not make arrangements for your own placements, but **you will need to provide your own transportation** to the clinical sites.
2. **Attendance is required** at all seminars. All six seminars are on Mondays from 3:30-6:00 p.m. You will be unable to register for other classes in that time slot.
3. **Your school assignments** will be distributed at the initial seminar. You will receive the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your assigned schools. All subsequent work for the semester also will be explained at this time. **You may lose your placements if you do not attend this first seminar.**
4. **Your grade in ILAS 301.P1 (S or U) is reported** by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. It is assigned based on the evaluations of your course instructor and your cooperating teachers in the public schools, and on the quality of your written work. No one will receive a grade of S who has not satisfactorily met the requirements for the clinical observations and seminars.

Application Process for ILAS 301

A permit number is required to register for ILAS 301. To receive this permit number you must complete the attached ILAS 301: Second Clinical Application form and submit it to your discipline coordinator. Read and follow these directions precisely. Your application is a representation of you as a professional. To make that image a positive one, compose your personal statement carefully. When both you and your discipline coordinator are satisfied with the statement, submit the documents as directed below.

DISCIPLINE COORDINATOR: Dr. Jon Miller
OFFICE & HOURS: Monday and Wednesday afternoons
TELEPHONE : 753-7828
RETURN APPLICATION ASAP.

TYPE THE APPLICATION AND STATEMENT.

Proofread it carefully and make **five (5) high quality** copies of biographical information and personal statement for a total of six (6) copies. Keep one (1) copy for your own records.

RETURN FIVE COPIES OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR DISCIPLINE COORDINATOR.

Ask for a "**PERMISSION TO REGISTER**" form once your application is approved. You will need the reference number on that form to register for ILAS 301 through MyNIU. You may use the reference number during the regular registration period; check the registration booklet for the MyNIU registration timetable.

REGISTER FOR THE CLASS ASAP.

Because we often have a waiting list for clinical placements, you may be dropped or moved to the end of that list if you do not register by the deadline. Talk to your discipline coordinator if you believe that you have a special circumstance which prevents you from registering by this date.

REMINDER:

At the time your application form is approved by your discipline coordinator you will receive the reference number on an information sheet called "PERMISSION TO REGISTER." This form will also provide the time and location of the first seminar meeting.

