

**University Admission to Teacher Education  
(Teacher Licensure Programs: Admission, Retention, and Completion)  
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**General Notes:**

- a. Letter of Intent requirement is removed.
- b. Basic Skills Requirement is moved from “Selection” to “Approval to Student Teach.”

**I. Selection Process for Teacher Licensure Programs**

To be selected, a student must:

- a. Attend the “University Admission to Teacher Education” meeting;
- b. Declare a teacher education major;
- c. Complete at least 29 semester hours, including transfer hours;
- d. Establish a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65/4.00 on 15 semester hours at EIU. Post-baccalaureate students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.65 or have completed a Master’s Degree with a GPA of at least 3.00.

**II. University Approval to Take Teacher Education Courses**

To take Teacher Education courses, a student must:

- a. Be selected (I.);
- b. Establish and maintain an EIU GPA of 2.65/4.00 (post-baccalaureate students are required to have an EIU GPA of 2.65/4.00 in undergraduate courses at EIU and 3.00/4.00 for courses number 4750 and above taken at EIU);
- c. Complete Speech and Hearing Clearance.
- d. Document “C” or better in ENG 1001G, ENG 1002G, and CMN 1310G, or their equivalents (totaling at least 9 semester hours);
- e. Document “C” or better in 3 semester hours of college-level mathematics;
- f. Document “C” or better in ELE 2050; SPE 3201 or SPE 3220; SED 2000 or KSS 2000 or MUS 2440 or CTE 2000 or ART 2400;
- g. Complete the first required Illinois State Police fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation.

**III. Formal University Admission to Teacher Education Programs**

To be formally admitted to Teacher Education Programs students must:

- a. Meet the criteria in I. and II. above;
- b. Successfully complete SED 3330/SED 4330 or a Departmental Methods Course; or ELE 3100 or ELE 3225; or MLE 3110/40001; or SPE 4800/4820 with a grade of “C” or better.

**IV. Major Department and University Approval to Student Teach**

Every student planning to student teach must:

- a. Complete an electronic “Application to Student Teach” during the Fall semester preceding the academic year in which they plan to student teach;
- b. Submit departmental approval application to major department following departmental timelines and criteria;
- c. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.65/4.00 or better (a program may require a higher cumulative GPA);
- d. Complete courses in major with a minimum GPA of 2.65/4.00 (a program may require a higher GPA in the major);
- e. Obtain “C” or better in all courses used to meet graduation requirements;
- f. Complete all professional education courses required for the program;
- g. Show evidence of recent participation in professional organizations, meetings, and/or appropriate activities with youth ages 3-18;
- h. Submit portfolio to major department (consult department for specifics);
- i. Check major department office for other program criteria;
- j. Complete the second required Illinois state Police fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation;
- k. Complete the Illinois Basic Skills Requirement;
- l. Pass the appropriate Illinois Licensure subject-matter knowledge test(s) for the program(s) being completed.

**V. Program Completion (Graduation) and Entitlement for Illinois License**

To be eligible for entitlement by EIU for an Illinois Professional Educator License, a student must:

- a. Complete the approved Licensure program and graduation requirements with a 2.65/4.00 GPA (a program may require a higher cumulative and/or major GPA);
- b. Complete all professional education courses and all courses required in the approved teacher education program with a grade of “C” or better;
- c. Complete and submit to EIU the Application for Entitlement
- d. Pass the edTPA.