

EIU: Where Teachers Become Something More

EIU graduates have a high placement rate and are viewed as well-prepared by school administrators across Illinois.

Candidates have the opportunity to build valuable mentoring relationships with teacher education faculty and PK-12 school personnel.

Candidates have developmental and progressive coursework and integrated field experiences in a variety of settings (rural, suburban, and urban).

Licensed and experienced teacher education faculty deliver instruction.



Financial Aid for Teacher Education Candidates

Federal Teach Grant — Candidates who are enrolled in a TEACH Grant-eligible program of study can receive financial assistance. Candidates must agree to teach full time for 4 years at a low-income K-12 school or educational service agency.

[TEACH Grant Program | Federal Student Aid](#)

Golden Apple - The Golden Apple Scholars Program in Illinois is a teacher preparation and tuition assistance program for high school seniors and freshman and sophomore Illinois college students who have the determination and drive to be highly effective teachers in Illinois schools-of-need. [Tuition Assistance for Future Illinois Teachers — Golden Apple](#)

Grow Your Own—Illinois — Candidates who upon graduation plan to return to high need urban and rural areas where there are teacher vacancies can receive financial assistance. For more information for candidates seeking early childhood, elementary, or secondary education licensure complete [Grow Your Own Information Request Form: Teaching, Learning, and Foundations \(eiu.edu\)](#). For candidates seeking special education licensure complete [Grow Your Own Information Request Form: Special Education \(eiu.edu\)](#)

ECACE - The Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity ECACE Scholarship is available for candidates who have worked in an early childhood setting and desire to become an early childhood teacher. Please contact Julie Viertel jviertel@eiu.edu for more information.