General Information
The Illinois State Board of Education recently adopted a policy to allow an ACT composite score of a 22 on the ACT plus Writing (SAT combined score of 1030) to substitute for the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)/Basic Skills required for admission to teacher education.

Requirements and Process:

1) Candidates must have an ACT Composite Score of 22 on the ACT plus Writing (we will be required to verify both the score and the version of the ACT taken) or an SAT combined score of 1030. The version of the ACT the candidate took must have included the Writing test or it cannot be used to substitute for the TAP.

2) The test scores must be no older than 10 years at the time of admission to teacher education and submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.

3) Candidates cannot substitute ACT/SAT scores for the TAP if they have failed the TAP five times.

4) Candidates must complete both an EIU Request to Use ACT/SAT Scores for Admission to Teacher Education form and an ISBE Form 73-60. These forms are available in the Dean's Office, College of Education & Professional Studies, 1420 Buzzard Hall. Links to these forms are also available on our the College of Education& Professional Studies, Teacher Education Website (http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.php)

5) Candidates must request that ACT send official ACT scores documenting a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT plus Writing (or SAT combined score of 1030 from College Board) to the Illinois State Board of Education. The ISBE Code for ACT is 3001. Effective October 1, 2012 the Illinois State Board of Education will only accepts scores directly from ACT. They will no longer accept ACT scores mailed from candidates in their original ACT envelopes. ISBE will then post this information to the candidate’s testing record in the Educator Certification System. This must be completed at least one semester prior to student teaching.