

Professional Education Budget Considerations:

An important part of your teacher education program is time spent in area schools. You will observe, assist, and teach in a variety of public school settings. It is important that you begin, early in your program, to prepare for the costs you may incur associated with these experiences. These costs include certification tests, LiveText, Criminal Background checks, travel (your own vehicle or contributing financially when carpooling), and appropriate clothing for professional experiences.

Illinois Certification Tests:

- **Basic Skills Test (\$86*)**
Required for selection to all teacher certification programs.
- **Content Area Tests (\$86*)**
All students must pass the appropriate content area test by the end of the semester prior to beginning student teaching. Some students might be required to pass more than one content test.
>*Candidates completing the approved program in Special Education are encouraged to contact the EIU Department of Special Education regarding their testing requirements.*
>*Candidates wishing to add additional endorsements MAY also be required pass the appropriate content area test in that field*
- **Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) (\$86*)**
All candidates for a teaching certificate in the State of Illinois must pass the appropriate APT (in addition to the Basic Skills and Content Area Test) in order to be awarded a certificate. Students completing the dual certification program in Special Education and Early Childhood program will be required to complete two APT tests.

** 2008-2009 test fees*

LiveText (e-portfolio):

- Purchase cost of a LiveText license is approximately \$100.00. This is required of all teacher education students. The one-time fee covers the use of the license for the length of the student's teacher education program and one year beyond.

Criminal Background Investigations (CBI):

All candidates must submit to two CBIs.

- Illinois State Police Name Scan: Prior to University Approval to take Teacher Education Courses (\$18*)
- FBI Fingerprint Scan: The semester prior to Student Teaching (\$50*)

**Fees current as of Jun 1, 2009.*

Travel:

Field Experiences (also called “Observations”, “Block” or “Practicum”) require travel to and from schools, as well as professional attire.

Examples of courses included in Field Experience I (Introduction to Education):

- SED 2000, MUS 2440, CTE 2000, ELE 2000, ELE 2321

Examples of courses included in Field Experience II & III:

- SED 3330, SED 3100, ELE 3000, ELE 4000, MLE 4000
- Content methods classes for secondary education and P-12 programs

Travel for Field Experience I Classes:

- You will travel to observe classroom activities and complete specific class activities outlined in your course syllabi.
- Transportation is your responsibility and you should budget accordingly.

Travel for Field Experience II and III Classes:

- You must travel to your practicum placement. You may have to travel up to 60 miles, each way (up to five days per week for six weeks).
- Car pooling may be available but all are expected to share expenses

Professional Dress:

The following is a list of guidelines that you should follow.

- Your clothing should be neat and clean and reflect a mature and professional attitude
- Clothing should be conservative. (Collared shirts for males, no low-rise pants, low-cut shirts, or revealing clothing.)
- Shoes should appear professional (gym shoes are only appropriate in a PE setting; no flip flops)

Student Teaching:**Professional Dress –**

In matters of dress in the classroom, all student teachers must abide by the guidelines and standards set by the school system and specific school to which they are assigned. Each student teacher has an obligation to become informed at the beginning of the student teaching assignment regarding these guidelines and standards and to observe them throughout the student teaching experience. Good grooming, including personal hygiene, is expected of all student teachers. Dress should be conservative and allow for easy and comfortable movement.

Travel –

You are to provide your own transportation to and from your student teaching placement. You are to meet all expectations of your student teaching assignments (for example, parent-teacher conferences, music competitions and after school activities). You are expected to attend the student teaching seminars at the location your university coordinator establishes.