

School Counseling Certification (Type 73) in Illinois

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Without Teacher Certification/Alternative Certification

1. Pass Basic Skills Exam (*before practicum semester*)

Registration Information:

- Cost is ~\$86.00.
- The Basic Skills Exam is offered monthly. You should register for the exam approximately two months before you plan to take it.
- Register for this exam at <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>.
- Click on "Registering to Test" in left hand column and follow directions.
- Test Selection = Basic Skills.
- Request that your scores be submitted to the Department of Counseling and Student Development at EIU by entering institutional code #011 when prompted..

2. Pass Background Check (*before practicum semester*)

General Information

- Background checks are conducted by the Department of Human Resources and the College of Education and Professional Studies.
 - Contact person: Bonnie Wilson (217.581.2524).
- Submit results of background check to departmental secretary.

3. Pass Three Education Courses

General Information

- These education courses do not prevent you from obtaining your M.S. in Counseling. It is acceptable to complete them after graduation, although it is strongly encouraged to do so before.

Courses

- SPE 2000: Disabilities in the Context of Education and the Life Span
- EDF 5500: Curriculum Development, Theory, and Practice
- EDF 5510: Social Foundations for Educational Practice

4. Pass Type 73 Certification Exam

General Information

- The exam is typically taken during your final semester in the program.
- This test is offered monthly and can be taken at EIU during the spring semester.
- You should register for the exam approximately two months before you plan to take it.
- Students who pass the exam and have their scores submitted to the departmental secretary will be exempt from taking EIU's comprehensive exams.

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- Cost is ~\$86.00.
- Register for this exam at <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>.
- Click on "Registering to Test" in left hand column and follow directions.
- Test Selection = Content Area Test for School Counselors #181.
- Request that your scores be submitted to the Department of Counseling and Student Development at EIU by entering institutional code #011 when prompted.

5. Complete Type 73 Certification Process

General Information

- After EIU's graduation and your passing ICTS scores have been submitted to EIU, you may then apply for the Type 73 Certification.
- See the CSD secretary for a copy of the application procedures and application form.
 - Application should only be submitted after graduation has been on your transcript and/or when all coursework has been completed.

With Teacher Certification

1. Pass Type 73 Certification Exam

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RESOURCES

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE): <http://www.isbe.net>

Certification Information: http://www.isbet.net/certification/html/service_personnel.htm

OR

Certification Information: <http://www.isbet.net/certification>

- Click on *School Personnel*/Link
 - Here you will find information regarding application procedures, Illinois Certification Testing System, Professional Development Requirements.

Certification Requirements Information: <http://www.isbet.net/certification/requirements/toc.htm>

- Here you will find information regarding requirements for certification.