

Student Prerequisites:

Students applying for program admission must have completed the following:

- Have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree (GPA 2.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale) and a major or minor in the intended area of certification;
- Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years in an area requiring application of the individual's intended certification area;
- Have passed both the Illinois Basic Skills test and the applicable subject-matter test required by the state for certification in the student's intended endorsement area(s); and
- Secured a commitment from a school district to be hired (and paid as a full-time teacher) for the internship.

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Alternative Route to Teacher Certification

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Find teachers for hard-to-fill vacancies while meeting highly qualified requirements of No Child Left Behind.



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Are you looking for teachers?

The College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University offers an alternative route to certification program approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Secondary certification is available in five areas, and K-12 certification is available in one:

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School districts may find a new source of teacher candidates through this cohort program that enables individuals who have a bachelor's degree to complete

- A web-based course in May
- An eight-week summer program (mid June to mid August)
- A one-year internship as a paid teacher (academic year following the eight-week summer program)
- A follow-up assessment in June after the internship

Those who successfully complete the program obtain the four-year Initial Teaching Certificate (type 09; type 10 in foreign languages) from the state of Illinois.

Expectations of Participating Districts:

- Nominate candidates for admission to the program, making a commitment to hire that candidate as an intern (contractually, interns are treated as teachers, eligible to receive standard salary and benefits) upon the candidate's successful completion of the 8-week summer program at Eastern Illinois University;
- Contract with EIU to outline roles and responsibilities of both EIU and participating school district;
- Grant each candidate permission to visit the school district during May preceding the internship to complete projects that include classroom observation, as well as participation in a variety of activities typical of those required of teachers in the district (e.g., planning, teaching, supervision, record-keeping, assessment, and so on).
- Provide an individual to serve as a mentor for each candidate nominated and pay expenses for that mentor to be trained (any remuneration required by contract and/or district policy would be the district's responsibility);
- Provide support for and require candidate and mentor to meet regularly throughout the internship;
- Participate in candidate and program evaluation;
- Provide a set of resources for each candidate to bring to EIU at the beginning of the 8-week summer program consisting of curriculum materials, relevant state and district standards and assessments, and any other resources necessary for the candidate to prepare for teaching during the internship year;
- Provide candidates with supplies and support needed to complete the internship (e.g., internet access, office supplies, phone calls, etc.); and
- Avoid assigning candidates extra duties such as coaching or other responsibilities (if candidates must be assigned extra duties, internship activities must take priority over those assignments).

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