

Have you always dreamed of teaching?

But thought it was too late to go back to school?

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:

MATH • SCIENCE • FOREIGN LANGUAGES (K-12)

BUSINESS EDUCATION • FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY)

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 8-week summer program (mid June to mid August)
- A one-year internship as a paid teacher (academic year following the 8-week summer program)
- A follow-up assessment in June after the internship

Those who successfully complete the program obtain the 4-year Initial Teaching Certificate (type 09; type 10 in foreign languages) from the state of Illinois.

Candidate Prerequisites: Candidates 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 education;
- Have passed both the Illinois Basic Skills test and the applicable subject matter test required by the state for certification in the candidate's intended teaching endorsement area (information and online registration available at www.icts.nesinc.com); and
- Secured a commitment from a school district to be hired (and paid as a full-time teacher) for the internship.

For more information visit www.eiu.edu/~eiuttp



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