EASTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY™

Educator
Preparation

University Admission to Teacher Education

(Teacher Licensure Programs: Admission, Retention, and Completion)
For individuals with declared teacher licensure majors, these requirements
can be monitored through the Degree Audit function available in PAWS

I. Selection Process for Teacher Licensure Programs

To be selected, a student must:
a. Attend the "University Admission to Teacher Education" meeting;
a. Declare a teacher education major;
b. Complete at least 29 semester hours, including transfer hours;
c. Establish a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65/4.00 on 15 semester hours at EIU. Post-baccalaureate students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.65 or have completed a Master's Degree with a GPA of at least 3.00

II. University Approval to Take Teacher Education Courses +

To take Teacher Education courses, a student must:
a. Be selected (I.);
b. Establish and maintain an EIU GPA of 2.65/4.00 (post-baccalaureate students are required to have an EIU GPA of 2.65/4.00 in courses at EIU and 3.00/4.00 for courses numbered 4750 and above taken at EIU);
c. Complete Speech and Hearing Clearance;
d. Document "C" or better in ENG 1001G, ENG 1002G, and CMN 1310G, or their equivalents (totaling at least 9 semester hours);
e. Document "C" or better in 3 semester hours of college-level mathematics;
f. Document "C" or better in ELE 2050; SPE 3201 or SPE 3220; SED 2000 or KSS 2000 or MUS 2440 or CTE 2000 or ART 2400;
g. Complete the first required Illinois State Police fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation.

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in order to complete professional education coursework.

III. Formal University Admission to Teacher Education Programs +

To be formally admitted to Teacher Education Programs a student must:
a. Meet the criteria in I. and II. above;
b. Successfully complete SED 3330/SED 4330 or a Departmental Methods Course; or ELE 3100 or ELE 3225; or MLE 3110/40001; or SPE 4800/4820 with a grade of "C" or better.

IV. Major Department and University Approval to Student Teach +

Every student planning to student teach must:
a. Complete an electronic "Application to Student Teach" during the Fall semester preceding the academic year in which they plan to student teach;
b. Submit departmental approval application to major department following departmental timelines and criteria;
c. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.65/4.00 or better (a program may require a higher cumulative GPA);
d. Complete courses in major with a minimum GPA of 2.65/4.00 (a program may require a higher GPA in the major);
e. Obtain "C" or better in all courses used to meet graduation requirements;
f. Complete all professional education courses required for the program;
g. Show evidence of recent participation in professional organizations, meetings, and/or appropriate activities with you ages 3-18;
h. Submit portfolio to major department (consult department for specifics);
i. Check major department office for other program criteria;
j. Complete the second required Illinois State Police fingerprint-based Criminal Background Investigation;
k. Complete the Illinois Basic Skills Requirement;
l. Pass the appropriate Illinois Licensure subject-matter knowledge test(s) for the program(s) being completed.

V. Program Completion (Graduation) and Entitlement for Illinois License

To be eligible for entitlement by EIU for an Illinois Professional Educator License, a student must:
a. Complete the approved Licensure program and graduation requirements with a 2.65/4.00 GPA (a program may require a higher cumulative and/or major GPA);
b. Complete all professional education courses and all courses required in the approved teacher education program with a grade of "C" or better;
c. Complete and submit to EIU the Application for Entitlement;
d. Pass the edTPA.

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