

TEACHER EDUCATION BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS



It is important that candidates begin, early in their programs, to prepare for the costs associated with both classroom and field experiences. These costs include licensure, criminal history investigations, travel, and appropriate clothing for professional experiences. All cost figures are estimates and subject to change.

Illinois Licensure

- **Content Area Tests: \$99-\$122 per attempt.** All candidates must pass the discipline specific content area test(s) prior to being enrolled in STG: 4001: Student Teaching.
 - A candidate adding an additional endorsement is required to pass the content test(s) in that field.
 - If there is a written component to the licensure exam, and a candidate contests the result, the candidate can request a re-scoring of their essay responses. The cost is **50.00**.
- **Professional Educator's License: Varies (\$10-50)**
- **Criminal History Investigations: \$35.** Candidates must complete two criminal background investigations:
 - One prior to any field experience in K-12 schools.
 - One prior to placement in STG: 4001: Student Teaching through their specific school district.

Travel

Field experiences (also called "observations," "Block," "Core," and/or "Practicum") require travel to and from schools that may be up to 45 miles from EIU.

While there is usually some financial support available, candidates will incur costs to attend and present at professional conferences.

Additional Expenses

There are costs associated with instructional materials and professional attire for the candidate's field experiences. There are also costs for classroom assignments.

Resources

Candidates can contact their academic departments and the Dean's Office in the College of Education to request resources to support these costs. Additionally, the Buzzard Boutique, located in the Special Education Department, provides professional attire at no cost. Candidates in need of a laptop on a short-term basis, may check one out from Booth Library.