

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COHORT SURVEY



**Eastern Illinois University is working with school districts to identify para-professionals, community leaders, and other non-traditional candidates that are interested in becoming teachers in southeast Illinois. We are starting an Elementary cohort in the Fall of 2024. Candidates should have an Associate's Degree (AA or be very close) with courses that can be transferred to EIU. This program is generally 3 years long and offered in a hybrid format. This program will be offered at Parkland Community College and Danville Community Colleges.**

## Required

Candidates should have an Associate of Arts degree (or be very close) with general education courses that can be transferred to EIU.

## Format

Hybrid program that meets at Parkland and DACC

Please use the QR Code to fill out the survey or go to [www.eiu.edu/rsi](http://www.eiu.edu/rsi) to find the survey.

We will send notices to those who reply to this survey and invite them to upcoming meetings in their area. At these meetings, we will share details of the program, provide information on other topics such as Financial Aid, and discuss transfer options.



## Financial Aid

We currently have a grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (Grow Your Own) that allows us to offer a limited number of forgivable loans up to \$25,000 for tuition and fees (does not cover all costs). These loans are forgiven if you complete the program and teach in a hard to staff school in Illinois for five years.

Please share with anyone you think might be interested. If you have any questions, please contact:

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