

Illinois Teacher Education and Licensure



In order to become a licensed teacher in Illinois, you must not only complete a state approved bachelor's degree program, but you must also meet all coursework and testing requirements required by the State of Illinois and satisfy any additional requirements detailed in Illinois statute and rules. You can begin the process at McHenry County College (MCC) by taking lower-level coursework that will transfer to a state approved bachelor's degree program.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) website is the official location for the most up-to-date information. Information provided below is subject to change. Please use the ISBE website for detailed and current information: <http://www.isbe.net/licensure/>.

Licensure levels in Illinois

- Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 3; effective Spring 2019 Birth–Grade 2)
- Elementary Education (Grade 1–Grade 6)
- Middle School (Grade 5–Grade 8)
- High School (Grade 9–Grade 12)
- Art, Music, Special Education, Foreign Language (Kindergarten–Grade 12)

Required State Testing

• For Admission to Teacher Education Programs

Following are the options for testing into an Illinois teacher education program. It is strongly recommended that a passing score on one of the options be achieved no later than the sophomore year of college and prior to transfer.

- o **Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP 400)** The TAP is administered by appointment and in a computer-based format through Pearson Vue Centers.
- o **ACT**
 - ACT Plus Writing with composite Score of 22 or higher and minimum of 6 in writing—Two score reports may be submitted: one with a passing composite score and one with a passing writing score. (Note: ACT changed its scoring for the writing portion. Prior to 9/1/16, the scoring for the writing portion was 16.)
 - If ACT was taken prior to 9/1/15—ACT Plus Writing with minimum composite score of 22 and minimum score of 19 on English/Writing portion
- o **SAT** composite score of 1110 (evidence based Reading and Writing + Math) and a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language. (Note: SAT changed its scoring. Prior to 5/5/16, scoring was SAT composite score of 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher) and a minimum score of 450 on writing.)
- o **Superscoring is now available on ACT/SAT.** If you do not have an overall passing composite score, the ISBE will add the highest subject scores from each test and divide by the total number of tests for a composite score. You must email Licensure@isbe.net if you would like your tests superscored.
- o Scores must come from the same assessments. For example, a passing composite ACT score and a passing SAT writing score is not acceptable.

• Content test

Appropriate content test(s) must be passed prior to being placed in a student teaching position (a 16 week semester in a classroom). Content test(s) are based on your license and any endorsements you plan to obtain. Your academic advisor or Education Licensure Officer at your transfer school will guide you toward the test(s) you will need to complete. This test will be taken after transfer to the four-year school.

• Evidence-Based Assessment of Teacher Effectiveness (edTPA)

The edTPA assessment must be passed in order to complete your teacher education program and apply for licensure. The assessment includes review of authentic teaching materials, including short video clips of instruction, lesson plans, student work samples, analysis of student learning and reflective commentaries. The edTPA is administered during the student teaching experience.

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