

## ADDING ENDORSEMENTS TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING LICENSE

### **INITIAL ENDORSEMENT**

An endorsement is a teaching field indicated on a Professional Educator License (PEL). The initial endorsement will be the major field of study in which one completes an approved program. The initial PEL serves as a foundation to which any teaching endorsement can be added. The ISBE fee for an initial PEL is \$100.00.

### [Content Areas and Grade Ranges for Endorsements on an Illinois Professional Educator License](#)

### **SUBSEQUENT CONTENT AREA ENDORSEMENTS**

Subsequent content area endorsements at any grade range can be added to an initial PEL even if the underlying teaching endorsement on the PEL is a different grade range.

The IWU Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure can add subsequent endorsements to the initial PEL at the time of graduation, or after graduation when requested. The ISBE fee for an additional endorsement is \$50.00.

In general, subsequent endorsements require:

- 18 hours of 100 level coursework from a regionally accredited college or university. \*Some content area endorsements require specific coursework defined by ISBE.
- A passing score on the appropriate content test.
- Grade of C- or higher in endorsement coursework

### [Acceptable Coursework for Subsequent Endorsements](#)

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENTS SEE:

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Subsequent-Teaching-Endorsements.aspx>

Some popular endorsements are:

Middle Grade (5-8) Endorsements: IWU offers coursework that leads to Middle Grade (5-8) endorsements in Language Arts, Social Science, General Science, and Mathematics. Middle Grade endorsements require a content specific methods course within the 18-hour coursework requirement, (some coursework at the upper level is strongly suggested), and passage of the appropriate content test. At IWU the courses that meet the Middle Grade methods requirement are listed below:

<u>MG ENDORSEMENT (5-8)</u>	<u>COURSEWORK</u>	<u>CONTENT TEST</u>
Language Arts 18 hours total	16 hours of language arts coursework: English, journalism, reading and/or speech + 2 hour LA methods course EDUC 360 is acceptable.	Middle Grade Language Arts
Social Science 18 hours total	16 hours of social science coursework: economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology and/or anthropology + 2 hour SS methods course EDUC 361 is acceptable.	Middle Grade Social Science
General Science 18 hours total	16 hours of science coursework: biology, ecology/environmental science, chemistry, physics and/or earth-space science + 2 hour science methods course EDUC 363 is acceptable.	Middle Grade Science
Mathematics 18 hours total	16 hours of math coursework: algebra, geometry, probability, and/or statistics are recommended + 2 hour math methods course EDUC 362. (MATH 105 does not count towards MG math endorsement).	Middle Grade Math
It is strongly recommended that those seeking a Middle Grade endorsement also take <i>EDUC 370 Special Topics: The Middle School</i> when offered.		

Physical Education (PE) Endorsement – Grades PK through 12:

- 18 hours of physical education coursework
- Passing score on the physical education ILTS content test

The Educational Studies Department strongly recommends that students who wish to be able to coach a sport or teach physical education classes in addition to those classes in their major area of study pursue a physical education minor when working towards the physical education endorsement. They should consult with the chair of the Physical Education Department, Coach Norm Eash, to plan their course of study.

Some *suggested* IWU courses that count for both a PE minor and/or a PE endorsement.

Take Either	PETH 201 Theory and Practice of Physical Education <i>OR</i> PETH 202 Theory and Practice of Physical Education
Take four more courses from	PETH 320 Organization and Administration of Athletic and Physical Education Programs PETH 325 Kinesiology PETH 330 Exercise Physiology PETH 326 First Aid and Athletic Training <i>OR</i> PETH 327 Essentials of Strength and Conditioning
Take any of the following	PETH 210 Coaching Baseball and Football PETH 211 Coaching Basketball and Track PETH 214 Coaching Golf and Soccer PETH 216 Coaching Volleyball and Softball PETH 290 Introduction to Coaching
It is strongly recommended that those seeking a Middle Grade endorsement also take <i>EDUC 370 Special Topics: The Middle School</i> when offered.	

Reading Teacher Endorsement – Grades PK through 12

- 18 hours of specific coursework
- Pass the Reading Teacher content test

IWU offers the following coursework that meets ISBE requirements for Reading Teacher endorsement.

Foundations of Reading (4 to 6 credit hours)	Content-Area Reading (4 to 8 credit hours )	Assessment & Diagnosis (4 credit hours)	Remedial Reading Methods (4 credit hours)	Literature Across All Grade Levels (4 credit hours)	Practicum (4 credit hours)
<i>Elementary:</i> EDUC 320 (6 hours)  <i>Secondary:</i> EDUC 320 or EDUC 365 (4 hours)	<i>Elementary:</i> EDUC 330 and 335 <sup>1</sup>  <i>Secondary:</i> EDUC 320 or EDUC 365 <sup>2</sup>	REA 322	REA 323	REA 272	REA 497

<sup>1</sup> Elementary Candidates: The equivalent of four credit hours of content area reading is addressed in EDUC 320 and embedded within the two upper level elementary content area curriculum courses.

<sup>2</sup> Secondary candidates: Content area reading is addressed in EDUC 365 (four credit hours).

### Secondary Science endorsements – Grades 9-12:

Once an initial PEL has been issued in any secondary science area, additional secondary science endorsements can be added to the PEL by:

- Completing 12 hours in the desired science content area
  - o Or
- Pass the content test in the desired science content area

### Secondary Social Science endorsements – Grades 9-12:

Once an initial PEL has been issued in any secondary social science area, additional secondary social science endorsements can be added to the PEL by:

- Completing 12 hours in the desired social science content area
  - o Or
- Pass the content test in the desired social science content area

### **TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL EDUCATOR ENDORSEMENT (PK-12)**

Once a Professional Educator License has been issued and a Target Language Proficiency content test passed, candidates are eligible to apply for an ***Educator License with Stipulations*** and add a Transitional Bilingual Educator endorsement to the new license.

The Transitional Bilingual Educator endorsement permits candidates to teach subject matter using the language of the endorsement (for most candidates this will be Spanish) in the grade range for which the Professional Educator License is issued.

1. Access your ELIS account <https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/login.aspx>.
2. Choose: Apply for *Educator License with Stipulations*
3. Choose: apply for new license
4. Choose: Transitional Bilingual Educator endorsement
5. Choose the Bilingual Education Teacher in the language for which you seek to be endorsed.

The Educator License with Stipulations is valid for *five years*. During that time, coursework for the endorsement being sought must be completed. Once coursework is completed, apply through ELIS to add a Bilingual Education Teacher or English as a Second Language Teacher endorsement to your Professional Educator License.

### **ISBE requirements for the Transitional Bilingual Educator endorsement:**

- Bachelor's degree.
- Professional Educator license
- Be legally present and eligible to work in the U.S.
- Proficiency in English and the target language, demonstrated by passing the Target Language Proficiency test. The Target Language Proficiency test for Spanish is 056.
- Refer to <http://www.il.nesinc.com/> for the testing schedule, location, and listing of all target language proficiency tests.

Illinois Wesleyan occasionally offers coursework towards the Bilingual Education Teacher or English as a Second Language endorsements. Coursework also may be taken elsewhere.

### **ISBE course requirements for the Bilingual Language Teacher endorsement:**

Bilingual
▪ Foundations of bilingual Education
▪ Assessment of the bilingual student
• Cross-Cultural Studies for Teaching Limited English Proficient Students
▪ Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
▪ Methods and Materials for teaching Limited English Proficient Students in Bilingual Programs
▪ Elective (to total 18 semester hours)
▪ 100 clock hours or 3 months of teaching experience in a bilingual setting

ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers specialize in helping non-native speakers of all ages and levels learn the formal grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation of spoken and written English, while giving them confidence in the common usage of the language in order to communicate clearly and comfortably with native English speakers.

ISBE course requirements for the English as a Second Language Teacher endorsement:

ESL
▪ Foundations of teaching ESL
▪ Assessment of the bilingual student
• Cross-Cultural Studies for Teaching Limited English Proficient Students
▪ Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
▪ Linguistics
▪ Elective (to total 18 semester hours)
▪ 100 clock hours or 3 months of teaching experience in an ESL/bilingual setting