

Licensure Application Information

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO OBTAIN MY ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE (PEL)?

- Complete all required coursework for your program and earn a grade of “C-” or higher in courses needed for licensure. See <https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/courses/suggested-curriculum.html> and select your program for a full list of course requirements.
- Wait for the Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure (ADTL) to send you an email with information about applying for your license in ELIS.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LICENSE?

- Within one to two weeks of graduation.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO OBTAIN MY LICENSE?

- \$100.00 application fee
- \$50.00 registration fee to register your license. Register your license immediately after applying through the ELIS system for any county/region in which you will be teaching; only one fee is required for multiple counties/regions. If you do not have a teaching job, select the county in which you live.
- Note, if the license is not registered after six months, it lapses and you will be required to pay a \$500 penalty or complete nine semester hours of college coursework.

WHAT WILL MY LICENSE INDICATE?

You will receive a Professional Educator License (PEL). The PEL will be endorsed for the content areas and grade levels for the program you are completing.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ENDORSEMENTS?

The Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure (ADTL) will automatically add the endorsement in your content area and any endorsements earned before graduation.

CAN I OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS AFTER GRADUATION?

You may apply for additional endorsements through ELIS after graduation if you meet State requirements. There is a \$50.00 fee for each endorsement.

- Information about endorsement requirements can be found here: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Subsequent-Teaching-Endorsements.aspx>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Your license will need to be renewed every 5 years. To meet requirements for renewal, you must complete professional development. <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Development-for-Educators.aspx>