

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.

SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENTS

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

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

At time of graduation, the IWU Licensure Officer will add subsequent endorsements to the initial PEL of students who complete the majority of their endorsement coursework at IWU (no extra fee).

Endorsement requirements completed after graduation can be added through a student's ELIS account (\$50.00 per endorsement).

(SOME) AVAILABLE SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENTS WITH GRADE RANGES

SPECIAL K-12	Dance, Drama/Theatre Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Health, Physical Education (<i>see information about optional PE minor leading to endorsement</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours course content • Pass appropriate content test
SPECIAL PK-12	Foreign Language *Bilingual, *English as a Second Language, *Reading Teacher, Technology Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours course content • *specific coursework required by ISBE • *Pass appropriate content test
SENIOR HIGH 9-12	English Language Arts, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Space Science, Environmental Science, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours course content • Pass appropriate content test
SENIOR HIGH 6-12	Agriculture, Computer Science, *Business/Marketing/Computer Education, Family/Consumer Science, Technology Education (Industrial Arts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours course content • *specific coursework required by ISBE • Pass appropriate content test
MIDDLE GRADE 5-8	Language Arts Social Science Mathematics General Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours course content to include a content methods course • Pass appropriate content test

See website below for most current information about subsequent endorsements.

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

MIDDLE GRADE (5-8) ENDORSEMENTS: IWU coursework that meets ISBE requirements

Middle Grade (5-8) Endorsements: IWU offers coursework that leads to Middle Grade (5-8) endorsements in Language Arts, General Science, Mathematics, and Social Science. Middle Grade endorsements require a content specific methods course within the 18-hour coursework requirement and passage of the appropriate content test. At IWU the classes that meet the Middle Grade methods requirement are as follows:

<u>MG ENDORSEMENT (5-8)</u>	<u>COURSEWORK</u>	<u>CONTENT TEST</u>
Language Arts	16 hours language arts + EDUC 360 (LA methods)	Middle Grade Language Arts
Social Science	16 hours social science + EDUC 361 (SS methods)	Middle Grade Social Science
Mathematics	16 hours mathematics + EDUC 362 (Math methods)	Middle Grade Math
General Science	16 hours science + EDUC 363 (Science methods)	Middle Grade Science
It is strongly recommended that those seeking a Middle Grade endorsement also take: EDUC 370: Special Topics: The Middle School.		

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT and/or MINOR

Physical Education Endorsement (K-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 the Physical Education minor and 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 wishing to teach physical education in the Middle Grades (5-8) also take: EDUC 370: Special Topics: The Middle School.	

READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT (PK-12): IWU coursework that meets ISBE requirements

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

TRANSITIONAL BILINGUAL EDUCATOR ENDORSEMENT

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.

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

¹ 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.

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

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