

TEP INFORMATION

FIELD PLACEMENT

Clinical Experiences include Field Placement and Student Teaching.

Candidates will complete 100 hours of field work before Student Teaching. Field Experience and Student Teaching is arranged for all candidates by Director of Field Experiences jcrider@iwu.edu. See TEP handbook for more information:

<https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/handbooks/201920-tep-handbook-revised.pdf>

- Candidates may not arrange own field or student teaching experiences.
- Candidates must be professional in dress and demeanor when on school sites.
- Reserve a block of time to complete field work between 7:30 – 3:30
 - Actual time of clinical is dependent upon school/teacher schedules.
- Plan for transportation to and from school sites
 - Candidates are responsible for their own transportation.
 - Placement may be up to 45 miles from campus
- Field Placement requires candidates to complete a name-based Criminal Background Check (CBC) for some local school districts including Bloomington Dist. 87 and Unit 5.
 - Candidates are responsible for CBC fees
 - Name-based CBC is good for one year
 - CBC's cannot be shared between districts
 - <https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/courses/teacher-certification/background-checks.html>
- Complete field work during the following EDUC courses:
 - 225, 255
 - 320, 365 (literacy)
 - 330, 335, 340 (elementary curriculum courses)
 - 360, 361, 362, 363, (secondary curriculum courses)

STUDENT TEACHING

Information about Student Teaching can be found at:

<https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/handbooks/student-teaching-handbook-current.pdf>

Placement for fall student teaching will be with the same teacher with whom you are placed for the spring curriculum courses (some exceptions apply).

- Pass a content test in your field and see passing result posted in your ELIS account by April 15
- Plan for transportation to and from school sites
 - Candidates are responsible for their own transportation.
 - Placement may be up to 45 miles from campus
- Complete an Illinois State fingerprint criminal background check through the school district office.
 - Candidates are responsible for criminal background check fees.
 - Background checks cannot be shared between districts.
 - Criminal background name-checks used for field placement cannot be used for student teaching.
 - <https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/courses/teacher-certification/background-checks.html>
- Additional requirements for student teachers vary by school district.
 - Check with the district office where you will be student teaching for requirements specific to that district.

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STUDENT TEACHING IN CHICAGO

The Chicago Semester provides an off-campus option for student teaching.

- <http://chicagosemester.org>
- Inform Director of Field Placements jcrider@iwu.edu of your interest in the Chicago Semester.
- Apply by March 1 of Junior Year.
- Tuition reduction is not available for 9th semester student teachers enrolled in the Chicago Semester.

9th SEMESTER STUDENT TEACHING

Students who successfully complete graduation and licensure course requirements with the exception of student teaching within eight full time semester (or equivalent), are considered 9th semester students.

- Students who study abroad during their senior year must complete a 9th semester of student teaching.
- Inform your faculty advisor and the Asst Dir for Teacher Licensure before spring term of junior year.
- Defer 300 level curriculum courses to the senior year.
- Tuition reduction applies.
- 9th semester student teaching applications are due April 15 of senior year.

APPLICATION/ADMISSION TO the TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (TEP)

Applications are due in March of Sophomore year. Application packet and complete TEP requirement information is found at: https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/courses/teacher-certification/tep_admission_req.html

General Requirements:

- Maintain a minimum GPA in the following areas:
 - Cumulative: 2.75
 - Content area Major: 2.75
 - Professional Education Courses: 2.85
- Earn grade of C- or above in professional education and major courses

Required at time of TEP application:

- Create an Educator Licensure Information System Account (ELIS)
 - Access: https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/sign_up.aspx

STUDY ABROAD

Candidates interested in Study Abroad should consult with Advisors early in program.

- Elementary candidates should complete Study Abroad prior to junior year.
- Secondary candidates should complete Study Abroad prior to spring semester junior year.
- Alternative: Students who study abroad during their senior year must complete a 9th semester of student teaching.