

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS SEEKING TEACHER LICENSURE  
FALL & SPRING COURSEWORK

ADVISING DATES: 10/21/2020 through 10/30/2020

Students interested in obtaining an Illinois teaching license:

- Your Educational Studies faculty advisor will contact you to set-up an Advising appointment
  - Contact [dhaas@iwu.edu](mailto:dhaas@iwu.edu) to determine your Educational Studies Advisor
- Review the current Teacher Education Program (TEP) [Handbook](#)
- Have the following items available for your appointment:
  - Degree Evaluation
  - IWU catalogue
  - TEP handbook
  - Tentative list of courses
- Sign-up for an appointment with your First Year Advisor
- Receive registration pin from your First Year Advisor

REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL STUDIES COURSES for SECONDARY & ELEMENTARY (Grade of C- or better in licensure courses)

EDUC 225: *Education & Social Justice*

- Priority given to those planning to Study Abroad
  - See “Study Abroad” information in [Handbook](#)
- Requires 20-25 hours of field experience
  - See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)

EDUC 255: *Child Study & Assessment*

- Cannot be taken concurrently with EDUC 225
- Requires 20-25 hours of field experience
  - See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)

ELEMENTARY majors:

- Complete EDUC 225 & 255 by end of sophomore yr., or complete a 9<sup>th</sup> semester student teaching experience at reduced tuition
  - See “9<sup>th</sup> Semester Student Teaching” [Handbook](#)
- Take MATH 105/106 or declare a minor in MATH and enroll in appropriate courses

SECONDARY majors:

- Complete both EDUC 225 & 255 no later than the end of sophomore year.

SECONDARY MAJORS ONLY

Secondary Candidates should:

- Declare a major in chosen discipline.
- Declare a major in Secondary Education.
- Successfully complete 4 courses in the major by end of sophomore year.

Contact Licensure Officer [cherald@iwu.edu](mailto:cherald@iwu.edu) if interested in earning Endorsements in additional teaching disciplines, including Reading. [Adding Endorsements to a Professional Teaching License \(PEL\)](#)

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ELEMENTARY MAJORS ONLY

ISBE Required Coursework (Grade of C- or higher in licensure courses)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires Elementary Education majors to complete coursework in:

- Language Arts
- Fine Arts (Creative Writing does not meet this requirement)
- Mathematics
- Natural Science: coursework that addresses at least *three different areas* of the natural sciences: i.e.
  - Physical, Life, Environment, Earth & Space. See “Science Coursework approved for ISBE” for course suggestions. *Environmental Studies* courses may *meet one of these requirements pending approval by the Director of Teacher Education.*
  - *Psychology does NOT meet this requirement.*
- Social Science: coursework that addresses at least *four different areas* of the social sciences: i.e.
  - History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics
  - Course selections must include content addressing Illinois, the USA, and the world.

Transfer courses with a grade of C- or higher may be used with approval of Director of Teacher Education.

ELECTIVE EDUCATIONAL STUDIES COURSES

EDUC 370: Special Topics: The Middle School (spring only)

EDUC 270: Social Justice and the University (May Term only, AV credit)

STUDY ABROAD

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

- See “Study Abroad” information in [Handbook](#)

FIELD PLACEMENT

Clinical Experiences include Field Placement and Student Teaching.

Under ordinary circumstances, candidates will complete 100 hours of field work before Student Teaching. Field Experience and Student Teaching are arranged for all candidates by the Director of Field Experiences, Jen Crider, [jcrider@iwu.edu](mailto:jcrider@iwu.edu). See TEP [Handbook](#) for more information:

- 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 local school districts
  - Asst. Director of Teacher Licensure will provide information about name-based CBC’s
  - Candidates are responsible for CBC fees
  - Name-based CBC is good for one year
  - CBC’s cannot be shared between districts

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STUDENT TEACHING

Information about Student Teaching can be found at:

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

- In general, you will be placed for fall student teaching with the same teacher with whom you are placed for the spring curriculum courses.
- Plan for transportation to and from school sites
  - Candidates are responsible for their own transportation.
  - Placement may be up to 45 miles from campus
- Student Teaching requires candidates to complete an Illinois State fingerprint criminal background check through the school district office.
  - Information about obtaining a fingerprint criminal background check will be sent to you by the Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure [cherald@iwu.edu](mailto:cherald@iwu.edu).
  - 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.
- Additional requirements for student teachers vary by school district.
  - Information about specific School District requirements will be sent to you by the Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure [cherald@iwu.edu](mailto:cherald@iwu.edu).

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](mailto:jcrider@iwu.edu) of your interest in the Chicago Semester.
- Apply by March 1 or Junior Year.
- Tuition reduction is not available for 9<sup>th</sup> semester student teachers enrolled in the Chicago Semester.

9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> semester students.

- Students who study abroad during their senior year must complete a 9<sup>th</sup> semester of student teaching.
- Inform your faculty advisor and the Assistant Director for Teacher Licensure before spring term of junior year.
- Defer 300 level curriculum courses to the senior year.
- Tuition reduction applies
- 9<sup>th</sup> 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 requirement information is found in the TEP [Handbook](#)

- GPA Requirements:
  - Cumulative: 2.75; Content area Major: 2.75; Professional Education Courses: 2.85
  - Grade of C- or above in professional education and major courses
- Create an Educator Licensure Information System Account (ELIS) Access:  
[https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/sign\\_up.aspx](https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/sign_up.aspx)

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STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be recommended for a Professional Teaching License (PEL) from the state of Illinois by the IWU Licensure Officer once both state and IWU requirements have been met.

IWU Programs: Elementary Education (1-6); Secondary Education (9-12) in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Science-History, Science-Chemistry, Science-Physics; Foreign Language (PK-12)-Spanish; Music Education (K-12).

State requirements for licensure:

- A bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
- Successful completion of student teaching
- Completion of coursework addressing methods of teaching exceptional children, reading methods, content area reading, and methods of teaching English learners
- Passing grade of “C-“ or above in all licensure coursework
- Passing scores on all licensure tests posted in candidate’s Educator Information Licensure System (ELIS) account
  - Tests Required Before Student Teaching:
    - Content Test
  - Test Required During Student Teaching
    - Teaching Performance Assessment (EdTPA)
  - Other
    - \*World Language Only: Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)
    - \*Tests for additional endorsements, if applicable

Specific IWU requirements for licensure are listed in the TEP [Handbook](#)