

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS SEEKING TEACHER LICENSURE
FALL & SPRING COURSEWORK

ADVISING DATES: 10/20/2021 through 10/29/2021

Students interested in obtaining an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL):

- Your Educational Studies faculty advisor will contact you to set-up an Advising appointment
 - Contact lnillas@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 Audit
 - 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 majors (Grade of C- or better required in licensure courses)

EDUC 225: *Education & Social Justice*

- Priority given to those planning to Study Abroad
 - See “Study Abroad” information in [Handbook](#)

EDUC 125: *Education & Social Justice (.25 credit lab)*

- Taken concurrently with EDUC 225
- Requires 20-25 hours of field experience

EDUC 255: *Child Study & Assessment*

- Freshman should register for EDUC 255 during the sophomore year

EDUC 126: *Teaching to the World of the Child (.25 credit lab)*

- Taken concurrently with EDUC 255
- Requires 20-25 hours of field experience

FIELDWORK:

- Reserve a block of time between 7:30-3:00 to complete fieldwork
- See Field Experience information available in [Handbook](#)

ELEMENTARY majors:

- EDUC 255/126 should be taken during the sophomore year
- EDUC 225/125 & EDUC 255/126 cannot be taken concurrently
- Complete EDUC 225/125 & 255/126 by end of sophomore yr. or complete a 9th semester student teaching experience at reduced tuition
 - See “9th Semester Student Teaching” [Handbook](#)
- Take MATH 105/106 or declare a minor in MATH and enroll in appropriate courses

SECONDARY majors:

- Complete both EDUC 225/125 & 255/126 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.

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ELEMENTARY MAJORS ONLY

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.

All coursework must have a grade of C- or better; transfer courses may be used with approval of Director of Teacher Education.

ALL MAJORS: ENDORSEMENTS IN ADDITIONAL TEACHING FIELDS

An endorsement is a teaching field indicated on a Professional Educator License (PEL). Your initial endorsement will be in your major field of study.

Subsequent Content Area Endorsements

Subsequent content area endorsements at any grade range can be added to an initial PEL. In general, subsequent endorsements require:

- 18 hours of 100 level coursework from a regionally accredited college or university (Grade of C- or better).
- A passing score on the appropriate content test.

Contact the Asst. Director of Teacher Licensure cherald@iwu.edu if interested in earning endorsements in additional teaching fields. [Adding Endorsements to a Professional Teaching License \(PEL\)](#)

MAY TERM 2022 COURSES

EDUC365 Reading, Writing and Communication in the Content Areas

SUMMER 2022 COURSES

EDUC 362 Seminar: Curriculum and Pedagogy in Grades 5-12 Mathematics

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.

Generally, 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. See TEP [Handbook](#) for more information:

- Candidates may not arrange own field or student teaching experiences.

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- 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 many 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

APPLICATION/ADMISSION TO the TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (TEP)

Applications are due in March of Sophomore year after completion of EDUC 225/125 and 255/126. 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://apps.isbe.net/iwasnet/sign_up.aspx

STUDENT TEACHING

Information about Student Teaching can be found at:

<https://www.iwu.edu/educational-studies/handbooks/2021-22-st-handbook.pdf>

- Generally, in the fall of your senior year you will be placed for student teaching with the same teacher with whom you completed your curriculum courses during the spring semester of your junior year.
- 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.
 - 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.

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.

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9th SEMESTER STUDENT TEACHING

Students who successfully complete graduation and licensure course requirements with the exception of student teaching within eight full time semesters (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 Assistant Director for Teacher Licensure before spring term of junior year.
- Defer 300 level curriculum courses to the senior year.
- Tuition reduction applies in most cases
- 9th semester student teaching applications are due April 15 of senior year.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE) LICENSURE TEST INFORMATION

CONTENT TEST in the field of licensure:

- Completed early spring of Junior year
- Register at <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- Passing score report in ELIS before student teaching can begin

EdTPA in the field of licensure:

- Completed during student teaching senior year.
- Register at <http://www.edtpa.com/>
- Passing score report in ELIS before PEL issued

World Language candidates only: OPI – see Handbook for registration information

STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be recommended for a Professional Teaching License (PEL) to 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 PK-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](#)

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