

SENIOR EDUCATION MAJORS – ALL
SPRING COURSEWORK 2022

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

Seniors seeking to obtain 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 Evaluation
 - IWU catalogue
 - TEP handbook
 - Tentative list of courses
- Receive registration pin from Advisor

REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL STUDIES COURSES (Grade of C- or better needed in licensure courses)

EDUC 498: Educational Inquiry

- Includes a Self-Study

*Complete the Senior Exit survey which will be emailed to you.

MAJOR EDUCATION COURSES (Grade of C- or better needed in licensure courses)

Complete coursework for licensure and program completion.

SUBSEQUENT ENDORSEMENTS

Explore the possibility of earning subsequent endorsements (teaching fields) on your initial PEL.

Examples:

Reading Teacher (PK-12)

Middle Grade (5-8) endorsements in General Science, Language Arts, Mathematics & Social Science are available.
Requirements: 18 hours in content area to include a content area pedagogy breakout seminar and passage of the appropriate content test.

Note: In planning for the spring of 2022, if taking more than one pedagogy breakout seminar, petition to overload if your semester course load sums up to at least 5 credit hours.

Sr. High (9-12) endorsements in Science and Social Science are available in additional Science & SS areas i.e.
A History major can add an endorsement in Economics by completing 12 hours in Econ and passing content test.
A Physics major can add an endorsement in Biology by completing 12 hours in Biology and passing content test.

List of additional PK-12 and 9-12 endorsements here [Adding Endorsements to a PEL](#)

Completed endorsements will be added to your initial Professional Educator's License at time of graduation.

Contact Asst. Director of Teacher Licensure cherald@iwu.edu for more information.

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PROGRAM COMPLETION

Once your program has been completed and your official transcript posted, the Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure will:

- Evaluate your final transcript(s) for completion of state and IWU program requirements and any additional endorsement requirements
- Check your ELIS screen for evidence of successful passing of state licensure tests
- Upload a copy of your official transcript(s) to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Complete the ISBE licensure entitlement process
- Contact you by email to inform you as to when you can apply for your Professional Educator License (PEL)

Note: Program completion does not equate to the issuance of a Professional Educator License; state requirements must also be met.

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 program requirements have been met.

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](#)

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

OUT OF STATE TEACHING INFORMATION

- [Guidelines for applying to teach in other states](#)

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