

Appendix: Illinois Teacher Licensure Requirements

Illinois-Specific Terminology

Ohio Term	Illinois Term
Resident Educator License	Professional Educator License
Intervention Specialist	Learning Behavior Specialist I
Primary Education	Elementary Education

Illinois Based Students-Specific Initial Teacher Licensure Program Admittance Requirements

Requirement	Bachelor of Science Degree Pathway	Post-Baccalaureate Pathway
Academic Requirements	Minimum 2.75 GPA for admittance to teacher preparation programs	- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university - Minimum 2.75 GPA in bachelor's degree coursework
Basic Skills Assessment	Successful completion of the following assessments of basic knowledge: Core Academic Skills for Educators: - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5713) - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5723) - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5733) - OR - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined (5752) - OR Praxis ParaPro Assessment (1755)	
Educator Disposition Assessment	Complete the Educator Disposition Assessment	
Additional Requirements	- Complete Licensure Intent Form - Submit Program Acknowledgement Form - Complete the Admittance and Licensure Overview Module	
Background Clearance	COE Verified Credentials Background Clearance *More background clearances may be required by school districts	

Illinois Based Students-Specific Clinical Fieldwork Experience Requirements

Phase I: Clinical Field Experience (prior to student teaching)

Professional Code of Ethics

Must adhere to [Illinois Educator Code of Ethics](#)

Required Clock Hours

- Prior to admission to the Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience, each teacher candidate shall complete all assigned clinical hours of field experience required prior to Phase II Clinical Student Teaching.
 - 36 core hours of clinical field experience are required each fall and spring semester starting when candidates are enrolled in EDP 405 until they begin Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience
 - Any deficit hours must be completed and verified prior to student teaching approval
- Must include experiences across grade levels within certification area
- Field experiences must be integrated throughout the preparation program

Required Field Activities

Field experiences must include:

- Observation in diverse settings
- Guided practice in lesson planning and delivery
- Working with diverse learners including:
 - Students with special needs
 - English language learners
 - Students from various socioeconomic backgrounds
 - Students from different cultural backgrounds
- Professional development activities
- Interaction with families and community members

Phase II: Clinical Student Teaching Experience

Professional Code of Ethics

Must adhere to [Illinois Educator Code of Ethics](#)

Cooperating Teacher Requirements:

- Valid Illinois Professional Educator License in the subject area of supervision
- Minimum of 3 years of satisfactory teaching experience
- Proficient rating for performance on most recent evaluation
- Must be teaching in the certification area of the student teacher
- Must complete training in supervision of student teachers

Illinois Based Students-Specific Student Teaching Hours, Placement(s) and Assessments

- Minimum of 14 weeks of full-time student teaching
- Placements must be in Illinois State Board of Education -approved schools
- Must include experience with diverse student populations
- Successfully log a minimum of 6 university supervisor observations and 6 cooperating teacher observations during student teaching
- Successfully pass student teaching midterm and final assessments

Illinois Based Students-Specific Program Completion and Certification Requirements

- Teacher candidates will earn a 2 Year Resident Educator License for Ohio and then apply for an Illinois Professional Educator License in their licensure area via reciprocity.

Content & Pedagogy Area Tests for Ohio

- Candidates are required to complete the Ohio Assessments for Educators in order to earn an Ohio license.
- Passing the content area assessment is a requirement for approval to begin clinical student teaching.
- Passing the pedagogy and/or reading assessments is a requirement for program completion.

Franklin Program	Ohio Certification	Illinois Certification/ Endorsement	Content Assessment	Pedagogical Assessment	Reading Assessment
B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education	2 Year Resident Educator Primary (PreK-5) License	Professional Educator License Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)	OAE 055: Primary Education (PK-5)	OAE 057: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Primary Education (PK-5)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate	2 Year Resident Educator Intervention Specialist (K-12) License Mild/Moderate Needs (K-12)	Professional Educator License Learning Behavior Specialist I (P-12)	OAE 043: Special Education	OAE 004: Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12)	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Middle	2 Content Areas/2 Endorsements			OAE 002: Assessment of Professional	OAE 190: Foundations of Reading
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle	Professional Educator License	OAE 028: Middle		

Childhood Education	Childhood (4-9) License Language Arts and Reading	Middle Grades (5-8) Language Arts	Grades English Language Arts	Knowledge: Middle Childhood (4-9)	
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Mathematics	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Mathematics	OAE 030: Middle Grades Mathematics		
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Science	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Science	OAE 029: Middle Grades Science		
	2 Year Resident Educator Middle Childhood (4-9) License Social Studies	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Social Science	OAE 031: Middle Grades Social Studies		

Content Area Tests for Illinois

- Effective January 1, 2026, Illinois will continue to offer reciprocity for all endorsements listed on a valid, comparable out-of-state license; however, ALL applicants must also successfully pass the applicable Illinois content area test(s) to qualify.

Illinois Licensure testing System (ILTS) Content Assessments for Illinois Licensure

Franklin Program	Illinois Certification/Endorsement	Illinois (ILTS) Content Assessment
B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education	Professional Educator License Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)	ILTS Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) (305)
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate	Professional Educator License Learning Behavior Specialist I (P-12)	ILTS Learning Behavior Specialist I (290)
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Middle Childhood Education	2 Content Areas/2 Endorsements	
	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Language Arts	ILTS Middle Grades (5-8) Language Arts (201)
	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Mathematics	ILTS Middle Grades (5-8) Mathematics (202)
	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Science	ILTS Middle Grades (5-8) Science (203)
	Professional Educator License Middle Grades (5-8) Social Science	ILTS Middle Grades (5-8) Social Science (204)

Teacher Performance Assessment

- Candidate performance assessment is conducted through approved preparation programs according to their program requirements and Illinois State Board of Education guidelines.

Reciprocity Steps

- 1) First candidates will follow the steps for Ohio Application for Certification
- 2) Once Ohio Certification is approved, candidates will follow the steps for Illinois Application for Certification

Ohio Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- Connected Ohio Records for Educators system (CORE) online application
- Official transcripts
- Test scores (OAEs as required for certification area)
- Application fee: See Ohio Department of Education website for up-to-date fees

Clearances:

- Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check
- FBI criminal background check

Ohio Resources and Support

Ohio Department of Education

State Board of Education

William Green Building

30 West Spring Street, 12th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

Phone: 855-983-4868

Website: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/home>

Certification Resources

- CORE Portal: <https://ohid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ohid/>
- Ohio Teacher Certification Information: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure/information-and-resources>

Illinois Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- Illinois ELIS account and application
- Official transcripts
- Copy of Ohio 2 Year Resident Educator License
- Passing the applicable Illinois content test(s).

- Application fee: See Illinois State Board of Education website for up-to-date fees

Illinois Resources and Support

Illinois State Board of Education

Springfield:

100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777

Chicago:

555 West Monroe Street, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois 60661

Phone: (866) 262-6663

Website: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Home.aspx>

Testing Resources

- Praxis testing: <https://praxis.ets.org/>
- OAE testing: <https://www.oh.nesinc.com/>
- ILTS testing: <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>

Certification Resources

- Illinois Teacher Certification Information: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Licensure-Application.aspx>